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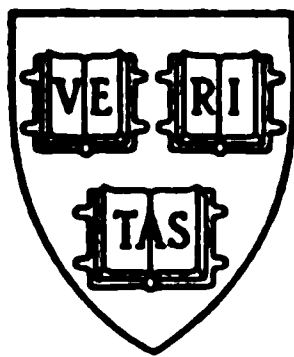
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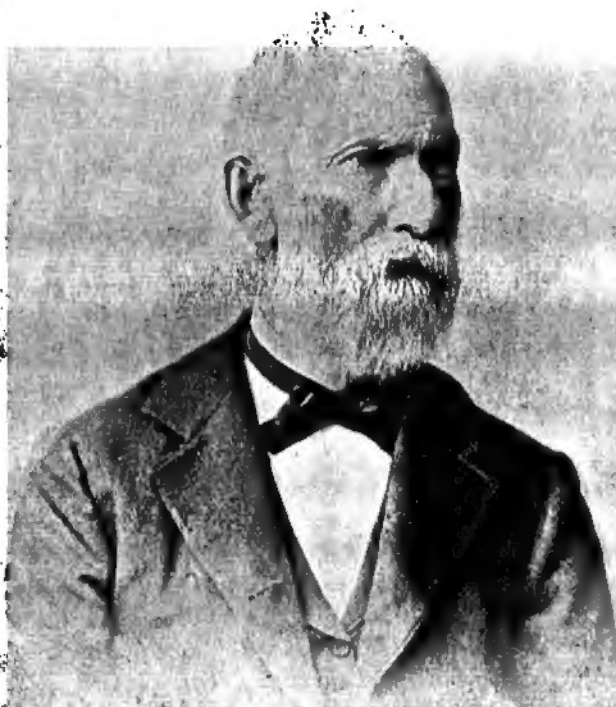
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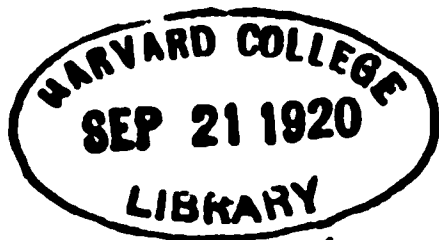
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## PREFACE.

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No one, except those who have had experience in this line of work, can have any proportionate idea of the amount of labor and patience required to prepare a work of this character, especially in that part of it which contains the genealogies of a multitude of families, many of which are very obscure in the matter of dates, and the record of names.

If a thorough investigation and research is to be made, with dates of births, marriages, deaths, and other events in detail, which is requisite for a full and complete record, many perplexing embarrassments are encountered, which give the compiler no little anxiety.

In compiling this work much time has been spent in investigation and research. The records of this town and the adjoining towns have been thoroughly searched, and every information possible to be obtained from the oldest inhabitants sought.

Much aid has been obtained from the history of New London, written by its gifted author, Miss Frances Manwaring Caulkins, by which many of the early settlers in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, have been ascertained, and their history determined. In the history of the Mohegan tribe of Indians, a large part of the earliest history of these Indians was obtained from the "History of the Indians of Connecticut," by John W. DeForest, who had very studiously gathered the historic facts from various documents of both public and private record. In the compilation of the town's history, it has been my aim to gather from its records such points of local interest as would most interest the present inhabitants of the town, and to preserve the same to its future generations.



The illustrations contained in this work are a selection of the oldest and most historic residences now standing, and its portraits are those of the older residents, who have long since passed off the stage of activity.

Much care has been taken to avoid as many errors as possible in the compilation of the family genealogies, but, undoubtedly, some will be found. It is impossible to get every date correct, there being so many discrepancies in the records of dates and names.

To the present generation of the sons and daughters of this historic town, this History of Montville, which their enterprise and that of their ancestors has done so much to honor, is respectfully dedicated by the author.

## CHAPTER I.

Two hundred and fifty years ago the territory now comprising the town of Montville was a savage wilderness, entirely possessed by a race supposed to have been of Asiatic origin, and may have been, as some historic writers think, descendants from some of the ten lost tribes of Israel.

Their religion was a system of paganism without idolatry, their government rude and founded solely upon custom, their character ferocious, but streaks of virtuous action were upon occasions manifested, their mode of life, roving and unsettled, dependent almost wholly for subsistence upon hunting and fishing. Their utmost ingenuity of art had no proper conception of the implements of husbandry.

Much of the field work was doubtless performed with their hands, and the only implements the natives of the soil seem to have had were spades rudely constructed of wood or stone, or of a large shell fastened to a stick. With these rude implements they turned up the soil and dropped in their seed.

There are a few still remaining that bear the tints of that savage and ferocious race that once roamed over this territory of ours, but now how unlike them. They have outgrown their native barbarous condition and become refined by contact with civilization. Though their ancestors were rude in manner and ferocious and warlike in character, there are many passages in their history which are instructive, and some touching and pathetic.

Had the aborigines of this land remained unmolested and unvisited by Europeans till the present day they would now have been as rude, as poor, as warlike, as disdainful of labor, and in every way as uncivilized as when the white man first explored the river Thames and sailed along its virgin shores.

This country would still have been covered with forests and unimproved fields, the streams unoccupied, except for fishing and game. Tracks of wild beasts would be found where now extends the hard roadway, trodden by thousands of human feet. The ferocious bear would be seen coming out of the hollow tree, upon the site of which now crowds of youth are emerging from the hall of learning. This land which now rejoices and blossoms as the rose would still have been a wilderness and solitary.

If one was to stand upon some of the highest ridges which overlook this town and take a survey of the landscape, listen to the rippling streams coursing and meandering through these valleys made subservient to man's interest in turning the wheel, the spindle, the loom, and the various kinds of machinery of modern invention, and then glance the eye over the hills and glens which meet it on every side, where now the hum of industry is heard and the voice of the white man and the civilized Indian awake their echoes, where farms and schools, industry and thrift, civilization and Christianity, home of comfort and social enjoyment, the merry laugh of the school girl and boy returning from their studies, attest the presence of the more intelligence and civilized race, he would be amazed and wonder at the change that has come over this region of the country in the last two centuries.

These hills and these valleys were then the abode of the untutored Indian; these forests filled with wild beasts and wild animals of various kinds, some of them beasts of prey and others suitable for food for the hunter. Here were the wild cats, wolves, and foxes, whose furs rendered them an object of the chase. Here were various species of birds and fowl, both in the forest and open fields.

A continuous forest, with but here and there an open space for planting grounds, overspread nearly the whole landscape, adorning these hills with its verdure, darkening these valleys with its thick foliage and bending gracefully over the margin of the silvery streams, where the wild birds amid their

leafy bowers sung their carols only to the wild beasts and wild man.

Paths led meandering through these forests, marked only by the footprints of the red man and the wild beast, leading sometimes along the margin of some rippling stream or on through some open plain and up the declivity of some woody hill, then down through the rocky glen; not paths of iron such as those over which the iron horse now flies, nor were they the graded road for the swift horse and polished carriage, but paths along which the wild beasts and the wild man alike traveled in single file.

Here nature was in its rudest dress, hill and glen, forest tree and cragged rock, the murmuring stream and mirrored lake, every attempt at improvement by the untutored occupants had only marred their native beauty. The homes, the rude cabin here built, the paths here opened, the soil here disturbed, all attempts at change made, only begun and ended in forest homes and blinded paths.

The utmost of all that Indian art and industry could do scarcely detracted any of nature's gracefulness. Nor had the waters of the beautiful Thames yet felt the keel of civilized commerce or had borne upon its bosom the paper shell of Harvard and Yale. The rude bark or dugout canoe had been the only means of transport over the bosom of this "great river."

Nor had the sharp crack of the hunter's rifle, nor the booming of modern artillery ever yet disturbed these solitudes, though instead the twang of the stringed bow and the whizzing flint-headed arrow had often brought to the ground the eagle or the fish-hawk as they stood perched upon the tall, mast-like forest tree on the "mountain", or cut short the fleet-footed deer in his race over the open field, or the prowling wolf in his search for prey.



## CHAPTER II.

It is claimed by historians that the Pequots and Mohegans were apparently of the same race with the Mohicans or Mohicanders who lived on the banks of the Hudson. Not long previous to 1600, it is supposed that these tribes resided among their relations, and the probability is that they voluntarily separated from the parent tribe on account of the want of room to support so large a population of hunters. Migrating towards the east, they perhaps moved along the middle or southern part of Massachusetts until they crossed the Connecticut river and then took a southern course and came upon the sea shore. All the traditions of the Indians agree in the assertion that they migrated from the north a short time previous to the arrival of the English in this part of the country.

Upon the arrival of the Pequots or Mohegans in this part of the country, they found themselves in possession of a large extent of country and just adapted to their needs, a large tract of hunting ground and abundance of shell, sea, and river fish, but at the same time surrounded by hostile tribes, who protested against the invasion. The Pequots, being possessed of a bold and venturous spirit, were not easily intimidated by their enemies. They carried terror and trembling among the adjacent tribes with whom they were often in deadly conflict. The names of some of the early sachems of the Pequot tribe have been preserved in a genealogy of the Uncas family as it was made out by Uncas himself in 1679. The first whose name is mentioned was Tamaquashad, who probably lived about the time when the Pequots first established themselves in what is now Connecticut. The next in succession was Muckqunt-do-was, who lived in a place called Awcumbucks, situated in the heart of the Pequot country. He had two children,

Woipequand, who became sachem after his father's death, and a daughter called after her mother, Meek-un-ump, who was married to Oweneco the father of Uncas. Woipequand married a daughter of Wekousn, chief sachem of the Narragansetts, and when he died, was succeeded by his son Wopigwooit.

Wopigwooit had a son Sassacus, the most famous of the Pequot sachems. About ten years previous to the war of the Pequots with the English, which was about 1626, Uncas, the son of Oweneco, married a daughter of Sassacus, thus connecting himself more closely with the royal line. This double connection of Uncas with the royal blood of his tribe afterwards contributed to the downfall of his native tribe and resulting in the raising of Uncas himself to independent power. It is a recorded fact that Uncas became one of the most remarkable characters in the history of the Indian tribes of Connecticut. It seems probable that on the death of Wopigwooit, Uncas laid claim to the sachemship, claiming his title on his own descent and also that of his wife. At all events, some difficulty arose, and Uncas was in open hostility with the chieftain, his father-in-law, Sassacus. The great body of the Pequot natives remained faithful to their chief and the rebellious sagamore was by them expelled from the country. Uncas fled to the Narragansetts, but after remaining with that tribe awhile, he sent a humble message to the Pequot chief, begging permission to return to his native tribe. His request was granted only on condition of his submission and future good conduct. Uncas of course promised to accede to their requirements and was therefore received back. Again he was accused of treachery, found guilty, and again had to fly for security. On a further promise of loyalty he was again pardoned and allowed to return. Once more for the same cause he was banished. In all these attempts to secede and establish an independent tribe, he had failed, but as soon as the English had commenced their settlement on the Connecticut river, Uncas and his band were joined by a number of Connecticut river Indians, probably from about Windsor and

Hartford, and found himself at the head of some seventy warriors. With this band he probably returned to the Pequot territory, lying on the west bank of the Thames river, now included in the boundaries of Montville and the north part of Waterford, and assumed the title of Mohegoneah. On this territory was the ancient burying place of the Pequot sachems. With this bold and treacherous act on the part of Uncas, Sassacus was greatly exasperated, and it is not to be supposed that Sassacus, the descendant and representative of that race of heroes whose graves were thus polluted by the foot of one who had made himself an alien and rebel to his tribe, would long remain quiet. The Pequots having failed to make a satisfactory treaty with the English who had restored the Connecticut river Indians to their rightful territory and had sided with and sheltered Uncas, was too much for the proud Sassacus and his advisors to endure, so he resolved to extirpate the English by means the most diabolical and inhuman that Indian sagacity could contrive. We shall now see of how much use Uncas made himself to the English settlers and how deeply he revenged his past misfortunes upon his countrymen. Smarting with disappointment and mortified pride, and with a desire for vengeance, this seceder from the Pequots now comes to Hartford at the head of his small band of followers, to offer his aid to the colonists. Very soon after, an offensive war was commenced against the Pequots. The necessary supplies were voted by the Massachusetts and Plymouth colonists, and John Mason, who had been lately stationed at Saybrook, was fixed upon as commander-in-chief of the forces.

On the 20th of May, 1637, Mason at the head of ninety Englishmen and seventy Indians under Uncas embarked at Hartford on board a pink, a pennace, and a shallop, and began to drop down the river. The water was low, the vessels often got aground, and at their own request the Indian allies were set on shore to proceed to Saybrook by land. On their way through the forest they fell in with thirty or forty of the enemy and killed seven of them with no loss to themselves, except one

man wounded. The two parties arrived at Saybrook, when the English were delighted by hearing of the exploits of Uncas, which they looked upon as a sure pledge of his fidelity.

Lieutenant Lion Gardner, who was the commander of the fort at Saybrook, was, however, suspicious of him, and said to Mason, "How dare you trust the Mohegans who have but a year come from the enemy?" "We are forced to trust him," replied the captain, "for we want them to guide us." Gardner was still unsatisfied, and calling Uncas to him he said, "You say you will help Captain Mason, but I will first see it, therefore send twenty men to Bass river, for there went last night six Indians there in a canoe. Fetch them dead or alive, and you shall go with Mason, else you shall not." Uncas did as he was required, his warriors found the enemy, killed four of them and took another prisoner. This Indian prisoner it appears had been a bold and cunning savage, and now in his extremity he showed neither fear nor sorrow, but dared his captors to do their worst. The Mohegans requested permission to torture him and the English made no attempt to save a man who had often assisted in the torture of their own countrymen. Their mode of execution was of a most torturing character. One of the captive's legs was tied to a post, a rope was fastened to the other and twenty warriors pulled him asunder.

The Pequots, under their chief Sassacus, had become bold and hostile to the settlers. Much depredation had been committed by members of the tribe, cattle had been taken, crops destroyed, and even children had been taken captives. A war was determined upon and waged against them with a determination on the part of the English settlers either to subdue them or exterminate them. A severe struggle followed, which close was hastened by the capture of their forts on Pequot Hill in Groton, and the destruction of the same by setting it on fire, by which means many of the Pequot warriors, their women and children, perished. Their chief, Sassacus, was soon forced to flee for safety and took refuge in the country of the Mohawks,

but he did not, however, avoid his fate. The Mohawks, moved, it was reported, by a bribe from the Narragansetts, perhaps also by a desire of gratifying the English, fell upon him by surprise and killed him, and the scalps of Sassacus, one of his brothers, and five others were sent to Connecticut to convince the English of the certain death of their brave enemy. This great and nearly decisive victory was on the night of the 26th of May, 1637. In this severe conflict, Uncas took an important part, as did also the Narragansetts. The day before the encounter, as they were nearing the enemy's forts, many of the Narragansetts who had joined the expedition began to exhibit the fear in which they held the Pequots, and turned back toward their homes, and others appeared to be in such fear that Captain Mason, who led the expedition, called Uncas to him and asked him what he thought the Indians would do. The brave sachem replied, "The Narragansetts will all leave you, but as for myself, I will never leave you." For which expression and for some other speeches made previously by Uncas, said Mason in his account of the war, "I shall never forget him; indeed, he was a great friend, and did us good service."

Their last unavailing struggle was in a large swamp in the present town of Fairfield, whither the main body of the Pequots had taken refuge. This body of men, women, and children, numbering several hundred souls, headed by Sassacus, fled their own country and traveled slowly westward along the southern boundary of Connecticut, crossed the Connecticut river, and were overtaken by the English forces in Fairfield swamp. At the close of the swamp fight, it was calculated that seven hundred Pequots had been killed or captured, among whom were thirteen sagamores of their nation, the others of which it was reported there were thirteen probably perished with their chieftain by the hands of the Mohawks. Broken and dispirited, the Pequots now became an easy prey to their enemies, and the Mohegans and Narragansetts continually brought their heads or hands into the English settlement.

While the persecution of the scattered Pequots dragged on, Uncas, in July, 1638, with a number of his warriors made a visit to Boston, and was admitted before the council of the colony. As a present to the governor he laid down twenty fathoms of wampum. He was told that the governor would not accept it until he had made certain explanations, and gave satisfaction. concerning the Pequots whom he had received among his own tribe and now harbored them. Uncas was somewhat perplexed. He was aware of the rock upon which Sassacus had been wrecked, and was determined not to bring down upon himself the indignation of the English, and at the same time he did not wish to part with any of his followers. He at once denied that he had any Pequot with him or had harbored any of the defeated tribe, and most positively affirmed that all the company then present with him were true Mohegans. As the Pequots and Mohegans were until lately all of the same people it was very difficult, if not impossible when mingled together, for the colonists to distinguish them. The strong protestation of Uncas and his evident willingness to conciliate with the colonists softened the displeasure of the council and his present was therefore accepted. This gave him courage. Placing his hand on his heart, and addressing the governor, said, "This heart is not mine, it is yours. I have no men; they are all yours. Whatever you command of me I will do it. I will never believe any Indian's word against the English. If any Indian shall kill an Englishman I will put him to death, even if he be dear to me."

The spirit exhibited in this address to the governor was faithfully carried out by Uncas as long as he lived. Devoted to his own interest, he found that he advanced that interest by manifesting great devotion to the colonists. His faithfulness to them was not because in his heart he loved them, but because of the gains he expected to receive by appearing to be their special friends. It is said that Uncas in person was a man of large frame and great physical strength. His courage was never doubted, for it was too often displayed. He ap-

peared to set little value upon the glory of conquest in war, compared with the advantages it brought him in the matter of booty and new subjects, and a wider range of fields. His nature, judging from his continuous acts, was selfish, jealous, and tyrannical, his ambition was grasping, but often concealed by the appearance of magnanimity. The overthrow of the Pequots relieved the English colonists from a very troublesome barrier to the peaceful prosecution of their settlements in Connecticut. After their defeat many new emigrants came over from England, and the white settlers began to flow into the newly-opened field in considerable numbers. This whole land was now open for peaceable settlement. The Indian set little value on the land, but much upon the implements and ornaments which the white man could offer them. They willingly exchanged the one for the other, and probably thought that they were the greatest gainers by the transaction.

A tripartite treaty, dated October 1, 1638, was entered into by John Haynes, Roger Ludlow, and Edward Hopkins for the English of Connecticut, by Miantinomoh on behalf of the sachems of the Narragansetts, and Uncas on the part of himself and the sagamores under him. There was to be perpetual peace between the parties, all former provocations and animosities were to be buried forever. The first transactions of importance between Uncas and Connecticut after the treaty, was an agreement drawn up and signed on the 28th day of September, 1640. The nature of this agreement was vague, and many years afterwards was made the ground of a long and expensive law suit between the Mohegans and the colony. After the overthrow of the Pequots, and Uncas had quietly settled upon his newly-achieved possessions along the westward bank of the "Great River," afterwards the Thames, he, by that crafty and ambitious nature which was sure to be developed when the advantage seemed to favor, laid claim to the sovereignty of the country lately held by the Pequots, on the ground of his connection with the royal family of the tribe. He however yielded to the English that tract along the sea-



coast which they had seized, but the remainder he claimed as justly belonging to him. He thereby came into possession of all the northern part of what is now New London county, together with the southern portion of the counties of Windham and Tolland. At this time many of the conquered tribe had attached themselves to Uncas and had become his subjects. Fragments of other tribes too collected around him, and increased the numbers and strength of the Mohegans. Another source of influence was conferred upon Uncas in consideration of his late service in the Pequot war. His faithfulness during that war was repaid by the colonists with their favor, when it could be conferred with justice, and sometimes perhaps only with injustice. As Uncas had made a claim to all that tract of land lying on both sides of the Thames river, and extending several miles north, so he also claimed the right to dispose of the same in whatever manner he should deem best for his interest, and thereupon the agreement of the date of September 28, 1640, was entered into, between himself and the colony of Connecticut. That agreement was as follows: "September 28th, 1640. This Writing Witnesseth: That I, Uncas, alias Poquaiom, Sachem of the Mohegans, have given and freely granted unto the governor and magistrates of the English upon the Connecticut river, all the land that doth belong, or ought of right to belong, to me by whatever name soever it be called, whether Mohegan, Yomtoke, Aquapank-suks, Porkstannocks, Wippawocks, Massapeake or any other, which they may hereafter dispose of as their own, either by settling plantations of the English there or otherwise as shall seem good to them, reserving only for my own use that ground which at present is planted and in that kind improved by us; and I do hereby promise and engage myself not to suffer, so far as I have power, any English or any other to set down or plant within any of those limits which before this grant did belong to me, without the consent or approbation of the said magistrates or governor at Connecticut aforesaid. And this I do upon mature consideration and good advice, freely and



without any constraint. In Witness Whereof, I hereunto put my hand.

The mark of Poquaion, alias Uncas.

In presence of Thomas Stanton.

The mark of Poxen, alias Foxon.

“The said English did also freely give to the said Uncas five and a half yards Trucking Cloth, with stockings and other things, as a gratuity.”

The colonial authorities and all who were interested in the success of the government, claimed that it was a clear deed of purchase and sale. The Indians, however, declared that it was a mere right of pre-emption, by which Uncas prohibited himself from selling his land to any but the colony or the settlers of Connecticut, without the approbation of the authorities. Thus from the two interpretations arose the great controversy which followed and continued many years. Uncas soon became a formidable rival with the Narragansetts, whose hatred toward Uncas now increased. This hatred and jealousy on the part of the other tribes led them to form a conspiracy to overthrow and destroy Uncas. He, on the other hand, strove to defend himself and to injure the enemies by spreading unfavorable reports of their feelings and designs with regard to the English. “Miantinomoh,” says the Mohegans, “wants to make himself sachem of all the Indians in New England. Miantinomoh is trying to bring all the Indians into a conspiracy against the white settlers.”

These reports caused a suspicion on the part of the magistrates of the colony, and in November, 1640, they summoned the Narragansett chief to Boston. He at once obeyed, thus producing a strong impression in his favor. When questioned, he was deliberate in his answers, and showed much cunning in his observations. He offered to prove that Uncas and the Mohegans alone had raised the reports against him, and asked that his accusers might be brought face to face before him, and demanded that if unable to prove their charges they should be put to death. His demeanor and the

apparent justness of his remarks silenced the complainants, and the magistrates acquitted him of all suspicion of conspiracy, and he was set free and returned to his home in peace. This affair doubtless tended to increase his hatred of Uncas, and not long after an incident occurred which was said to be an effect of that revived hatred. One evening, as Uncas was passing from one wigwam to another in Mohegan, an arrow, discharged by some unseen marksman, pierced his arm. On reaching the cabin to which he was going, the wound was dressed, but being slight was soon healed. The perpetrator of this attempted assassination was never known, but suspicion rested on a young Pequot who was known to have a large quantity of wampum. He was questioned in relation to the wampum he had in his possession, but would give no reasonable explanation of how he came by so much, which increased suspicion against him. Observing that he was suspected of committing the act, he stole away out of the Mohegan territory and fled over to the Narragansett country, and took refuge with Miantinomoh. Uncas took the matter before the magistrates of Massachusetts, charging Miantinomoh with being the instigator of the cowardly attack on him, and Miantinomoh once more felt himself compelled to go to Boston. He took along with him the Pequot, who was examined by the magistrates in the presence of the chief. He told a most extraordinary story, how he had been staying in Uncas' fort and how Uncas had engaged him to tell the English that he had been hired by Miantinomoh to kill Uncas, and how at the time Uncas said that an arrow pierced his arm, he took the flint of his gun and cut his arm on two sides so as to make it appear as if an arrow had pierced it. This story seemed improbable to the magistrates, and was very unsatisfactory to the colonists, who had long distrusted the Narragansetts and favored the Mohegans. This improbable tale served to bring Miantinomoh under strong suspicion. It seemed that the sachem had used the young Pequot as a tool for throwing off the guilt of a conspiracy from his own shoulders, and laying it on the in-

tended victim of that conspiracy. The magistrates expressed themselves convinced that the young Pequot was guilty, and declared that he ought to be given over to Uncas to be dealt with as his crime demanded.

The Narragansett sachem objected, claiming that the young man was under his protection, but finally promised that if he might only carry him back to his own country he would then surrender him to Uncas. His earnest pleadings were listened to, and he was allowed to go with the criminal, but on the way to the sachem's home, he had him murdered by his own men. This act with good reason deepened the suspicion already excited against him, as it was immediately concluded that he had put his accomplice to death to prevent his own guilt from being thoroughly exposed. He was doubtless unwilling to gratify a hated rival by surrendering the man to him for vengeance, and he may have feared that Uncas might make use of him by torture or intimidation for the purpose of bringing still more dangerous accusations against himself and his tribe. Sequassen, the sachem of the Connecticut river tribes, now began to play his part against the Mohegans and their sachem. Some of his men had killed a leading Mohegan, and others waylaid Uncas himself as he was sailing down the Connecticut in a canoe, and shot arrows at him. Uncas at once complained of their attempts at his life and those of his men to the magistrates at Hartford, and the governor, having summoned the two sachems before him, attempted a reconciliation between them. Uncas said that the man who had been murdered was one of considerable importance in the tribe, and that he must have six of Sequassen's men to put to death in retaliation for the one of so much consequence in his tribe. The governor labored hard to reduce this extravagant demand as it did not accord with the English idea of justice, and after great persuasions, Uncas was prevailed upon to accept a single individual and the acknowledged murderer. But the murderer being also a man of importance, and he

was moreover a relative and a great favorite of Miantinomoh, Sequassen consequently would not consent to his surrender, and said that he would defend him by force, and probably relied upon Miantinomoh for aid. The governor, finding that it was impossible to effect a reconciliation between the two sachems, dismissed them, and gave Uncas liberty to revenge his own wrongs. He did so. Entering Sequassen's territory he made war upon him, killing several of his warriors and wounding others. He also burned their wigwams and carried away a quantity of booty.

This successful act of Uncas kindled anew the old hatred of Miantinomoh, who again began to plan for revenge. According to the treaty of 1638, he first submitted his complaints to the magistrates before taking up arms. He sent a message to Governor Haynes of Connecticut complaining that Uncas had injured his friend and relative Sequassen, and his allies. The governor replied that the English had no hand in the affair, and did not mean to uphold Uncas in any unjustifiable conduct. He also sent a notice to Governor Winthrop of Massachusetts, complaining of the injury Uncas had done him, and asked in particular whether the people of Massachusetts would be offended with him in case he should make war upon Uncas. Governor Winthrop's reply was still more satisfactory than that of Governor Haynes, for he informed him that if Uncas had done him or his friends any wrong and refused to give satisfaction the English would leave him to choose his own course in retaliation, and so left the matter as on a previous occasion, to be settled between the sachems. Miantinomoh immediately therefore begun preparations for avenging his own and his kinsman's quarrel with more than usual energy. He collected a large band of warriors and advanced rapidly and unexpectedly into the country of the Mohegans. The Mohegan sentinels on the hills of Norwich suddenly beheld the Narragansetts emerge from the woods and cross the Shetucket river at a place a short distance above its junction with the Quinebaug. The run-

ners immediately dashed off, some to carry the startling intelligence to their chief, some to collect their scattered warriors. Very soon the Mohegan warriors came pouring into their fort on all sides. (This fort is supposed to have been the one situated on an eminence a short distance west of the present Mohegan station and in full view of the surrounding hills about Norwich. Uncas may have been at this fort or at his cabin which stood on another eminence about a mile south of the fort and in sight of it. The site of this fort is easily discovered by the hollow circle around it clearly seen at the present time.) The warriors were soon able to advance toward the enemy. Uncas at the head of his band of noble men, moved forward toward the enemy until he came to a spot situated in the present township of Norwich and now known as the East Great Plain.

Here he halted his men on a rising spot of ground and explained to them a strategem by which he hoped to make up for his inferiority in numbers. It is probable that the Mohegans numbered about three hundred warriors, and that of their enemy twice that number. The Narragansetts, having already crossed the fords of the Yantic, soon appeared descending the declivity opposite to the Mohegans. Uncas now sent forward a messenger to ask an interview with Miantinomoh. It was granted, and the two sachems shortly met each other in a narrow space between the contending armies. The Narragansetts were waiting unsuspectingly the result of the conference; the Mohegans were watching anxiously for the preconcerted signal from their sachem. Uncas addressed Miantinomoh on the folly of mutually wasting the lives of the brave warriors in a contest which could as well be decided by themselves alone. "Let us fight it out," said Uncas; if you kill me my men shall be yours, and if I kill you, your men shall be mine." Miantinomoh is said to have been a tall and strong man, and it is not likely that he was so deficient in courage as to reject the proposition of Uncas through fear.

But he was certain of his superiority in numbers and was therefore resolved not to throw away what seemed to be a certainty for an uncertainty. "My men came to fight," said he, "and they shall fight." Uncas had probably expected such an answer and now the time had come for his stratagem. He threw himself suddenly upon the ground. His men, recognizing the signal, and drawing their ready-bent bows, they poured a shower of arrows among the astonished Narragansetts. Uncas sprang up, and his warriors, pealing forth the yell of battle, and brandishing their tomahawks, rushed forward with their chief upon the paralyzed enemy. The Narragansetts, panic struck at this bold and sudden assault, made hardly an attempt at resistance, and speedily took to flight. The Mohegans pursued them with impetuous fury, drove them through the shallows of the Yantic, and continued the chase into the forests beyond. All over that hilly country the pursuers and pursued might have been seen leaping over rocks and dashing through tangled thickets like wolves in chase of timid deer.

Miantinomoh fled with his followers, but his flight was probably impeded by an English corselet which he wore around him as a protection in battle. Two of the Mohegan captains followed him closely and could easily have taken or killed him with their own hands, but this honor they were willing to reserve for their chief. The first of these men who reached the flying chieftain was a sagamore named Tantaquigion, whose descendants were for a long time afterward held in high esteem among the Mohegans. (But one person at this writing lives that bears the name.) Uncas finally came up and seized Miantinomoh by the shoulder. The fated chieftain, as soon as he felt the hand of his enemy upon him ceased his flight and sat down upon the ground, but not a word escaped his closed lips, made so by the raging anger within. Thirty or more of his warriors had been slain in their flight and many more wounded; the remainder sought their own safety, and left their chief to the mercy of his cap-

tors. Some of Miantinomoh's warriors were brought up and slain before his eyes, but he was silent, showing neither weakness or fear. "Why do you not speak?" said Uncas. "If you had taken me, I should have besought you for my life."

Miantinomoh was carried in triumph to the Mohegan fort, his life was spared and he was even treated with some degree of kindness and respect. It is said that during the captivity of Miantinomoh his people sent him several packages of wampum which he gave away, some to Uncas, some to Uncas' wife, and some of his counselors. These presents were made, as the Mohegans said, partly by way of thanks for his kindly treatment while in their hands and partly to persuade Uncas to deliver him over to the English and refer his fate to their decision. The Narragansetts, however, asserted that the wampum was given as a ransom, and subsequently made it a strong ground of accusation against the Mohegan sachem. The capture of Miantinomoh excited a deep interest among the English of Rhode Island. One of them is said to have written Uncas a letter commanding him to set Miantinomoh at liberty, and threatening him with the English power if he refused.

Uncas was by no means willing to set his captive free, but he did not dare now, on his own authority, to put him to death. In this dilemma he concluded to refer the case to his old friends, the English of Connecticut. He therefore took his captive to Hartford and surrendered him to the custody of the magistrates, and begged them to show him his duty. The magistrates replied that there was no open war between their government and the Narragansetts; he had better wait until the meeting of the commissioners of the United Colonies, as they did not wish to interfere in such matters. Accordingly the matter was laid before the commissioners at their next meeting at Boston, which took place the following September. The question was there debated, whether it would be just and lawful to have the captive chief put to death. The commissioners hesitated in their judgment,



and at first decided that while it would not be safe to liberate the captive, there was still no sufficient cause to put him to death. In this uncertainty it was determined to refer the case to the clergy, a general convocation of whom was held in Boston, as many as fifty being assembled from all parts of New England. From this number five only were selected to consider and give their opinion on this important question. These were called in, and the case laid before them. After due consideration they gave it as their opinion that Miantinomoh ought to die.

The commissioners being thereby relieved of the grave responsibility of the decision by the verdict of the clergy, declared that the sachem was worthy of death, and that Uncas might reasonably kill him, since his own life would be in constant danger as long as such a false and bloodthirsty enemy lived. The commissioners decided that Uncas and some of his best men should be summoned to Hartford; that the captive chief should there be surrendered into his hand, and by him put to death without the limits of the English settlement, and that some of the colonists should witness the execution for the more full satisfaction of the commissioners. It was agreed that if Uncas refused to kill the prisoner he was not to be surrendered to him, but if he should carry the sentence into effect, he was to be taken under the English protection, and it was to be the special duty of Connecticut to defend Uncas against all enemies whom he might thus create.

This decision was to be kept secret until it was known that the commissioners had reached their homes. As soon as it was ascertained that the commissioners were in safety, Uncas was ordered to Hartford with a sufficient number of his warriors. He went, attended by his brother Wawequa, and a select band. The decision of the commissioners was made known to Uncas, which decision was doubtless after his own heart. He offered not the least objection to carrying it into execution. The prisoner was delivered into his hands,



and two Englishmen were designated to go with him and witness the execution. They left Hartford and traveled on through the forests by the paths often traveled by the Mohegans until they came to the spot where Miantinomoh was captured, and where he sat down upon the ground with silent contempt. Wawequa, the brother of Uncas, was walking close behind the captive chief, who was still uncertain what his fate would be. Uncas gave the signal, and Wawequa silently raising his tomahawk, sank it with a heavy blow into the head of the unsuspecting prisoner. It is said that Uncas, then and there, cut a piece of flesh from the shoulder of his now dead enemy and ate it, saying, "It is the sweetest meat I ever ate; it makes my heart strong."

Such was the tragical end of Miantinomoh, the chief of the Narragansetts. He was buried on the site, both of his defeat and his death, and the spot afterwards received from the English settlers the name which it still retains, "Sachem's Plain," and is situated in the present township of Norwich near the Shetucket river, a little south of its junction with the Quinebaug. On the 4th day of July, 1841, was erected, principally through the efforts of William C. Gilman, Esq., a monumental stone to the memory of the Narragansett chief. It is a block of granite, eight feet high and about five feet square at its base, and bears this inscription, "Miantinomoh, 1643." After the loss of their sachem the Narragansetts by no means remained quiet, but were continually harassing the Mohegans. Within a month after the death of Miantinomoh, Pessicus, a brother of the sachem, sent presents to Boston with messages that he wished peace with the English, but at the same time had determined upon making war with Uncas. His presents were rejected, and he was told that the English would stand by Uncas whenever he should be attacked. The rejection of the presents, and the assurance that Uncas should be protected produced little effect for the hatred and burning desire for vengeance that was concealed in the bosoms of the Narragansetts, and could not be easily overcome either by

threats or persuasion. Hostilities were at once commenced, and the warriors of the Narragansetts in squads again invaded the territories of Uncas.

In the spring of 1645, about two years after the defeat of Miantinomoh, a large force of his warriors poured into the country of the Mohegans under the command of Pessicus. They destroyed every wigwam and plantation in their progress, drove the Mohegans before them, and forced Uncas to take refuge in one of his forts called the "Shantock Fort." A short distance east of this fort, partly down the hill, is a living spring of water which was of easy access by the besieged. When once in this fort, the Mohegans could easily defend themselves against a foe no more skilled in warfare and as poorly armed as themselves. The Narragansetts had no expectation of driving the Mohegans from their stronghold by any force they could bring against them, so they attempted to annoy them by seizing their canoes that lay along the banks of the river, and spread themselves over the surrounding country, hoping to reduce the besieged by cutting off their supplies. Uncas, however, succeeded in sending news of his condition to the English fort at Saybrook. A Mohegan creeping cautiously out by night made his way undiscovered along the river and over the country to the mouth of the Connecticut river, and crossing over, communicated to the English the perilous condition of Uncas and his men. Saybrook Fort was at this time commanded by John Mason, who, from a grateful remembrance of services rendered by Uncas in the Pequot war, was quite willing to assist him in his present extremity. On the information obtained, Mason allowed one of his garrison, a young man named Thomas Leffingwell, to undertake the enterprise of taking a supply of food to Uncas. It is presumed that Leffingwell was assisted on his expedition by two other men named Thomas Tracy and Thomas Miner. The canoe in which they embarked was capable of bearing twenty hundredweight of provisions. They succeeded in bringing it around to the mouth of the Pequot

or Thames river, and, taking advantage of a dark night, cautiously paddled up the river to Shantock Point, and, running up a small cove into which the Shantock brook empties, landed their cargo without being discovered by the besiegers. The starving Mohegans shouted their delight when they saw the beef, corn, and peas which had been sent to them, and at once gave notice to their enemy of their relief, by elevating a large piece of meat on a pole. When daylight came the Narragansetts saw that they had been provisioned, and seeing one or more Englishmen among the Mohegans, they gave up the siege in despair and returned to their own territory. And again Uncas was left free for a time. The Narragansetts would often afterwards repeat their invasions into the Mohegan territory. The old hatred towards Uncas would not allow them to live long without attempting revenge. During the year 1657 the Mohegans were again obliged to defend themselves against the attacks of the Narragansetts, assisted by the Nehantics. On one occasion Pessicus, the Narragansett chief, with a large force invaded the Mohegan country, and once more held Uncas besieged in his fortress. A small body of English was sent by the colony of Connecticut to relieve him. Its very appearance caused the Narragansetts to retreat, and the Mohegans, rushing out of their fort, pursued them and changed their retreat into a rout. The invaders fled in a tumult towards their own country, and were furiously pursued by the Mohegans, who overtook them, killing many while struggling through the thickets of brush or floundering across the streams. It is said that some old Mohegans used to relate incidents of this battle a long time afterwards, how they found a poor Narragansett among the bushes which bordered the river, and so crazed with fear that he imagined himself in the water and was actually trying to swim. Tradition says that one body of the pursued was driven out of the direct course to the fords of the Yantic river, and came upon the stream where it flowed between high banks with a deep and rapid current; many of them plunged in recklessly into

the abyss and were either slaughtered or drowned, their mangled bodies floating down into the calm waters below. This incident probably gave the foundation for the traditional legend connected with the Falls of the Yantic. In 1666, Uncas became involved in a quarrel with the sachem of the Podunks, a tribe located in the vicinity of Hartford. The Mohegans had encroached upon the territories of the Podunks, probably by hunting over them. One, or both parties, however, soon appealed to the government of Connecticut, and the General Court appointed a committee to examine into and settle the difficulties. A boundary line was surveyed and marked out, and both parties expressed themselves satisfied, and so their quarrel was brought to a peaceful conclusion. In confirmation of the friendship which was formed between the two sachems, Uncas and Arramament, the latter, sachem of the Podunks, gave his daughter, Sow-gon-osk in marriage to Attawanhood, the third son of Uncas. Afterwards, in May, 1672, the Podunk chief made over to his daughter and her husband all the lands which he owned in Podunk or elsewhere, then and forever. This territory was to descend to the children of the daughter by Attawanhood, and in case there was no such, to the children whom she might have by any other person, and in case there were none such as these, then to whatever persons were declared to be the nearest heirs of Sow-gon-osk by the English law. Since about 1668 no special record is found of quarrels or war between the different tribes of Connecticut as had previously existed. The English settlers were at this time rapidly occupying the Indian lands, either by purchase or encroachment. Many grants had already been made. New London had become considerably populated, and a deed had been signed by Uncas and his sons Owaneco and Attawanhood, conveying to the town of and inhabitants of Norwich a tract of land nine miles square.

The Indians at this early period gave the white settlers not a little annoyance by loitering around their settlements.

They would often frighten the women and children by entering the houses without liberty and through their excessive eagerness to handle fire-arms, some lamentable accidents were caused. They were not always strictly honest either, being quite apt to take whatever excited their longing, and more disposed to run into debt than to pay what they already owed. If a person trusted an Indian to any considerable amount he was pretty sure to lose both the debt and his customer. To put a stop to such annoyance, penal laws were enacted both by the Colonial Courts and by the town authorities. For handling dangerous weapons, an Indian was to pay a fine of half a fathom of wampum. If he wounded anyone by his carelessness or ignorance he was to defray the expense of curing the patient. If the injured person died, life was to be exacted for life. Indians who came prowling around the settlements by night might be summoned by the watchman to surrender, and if they refused to obey might be shot down without hesitation. Nothing operated with more injurious effect upon the Indians than intoxicating liquors, and they drank them greedily whenever they could get them, and the tribes soon began to exhibit proofs of their deleterious effects. One law after another was passed forbidding any person to furnish an Indian with such liquors under penalty. In 1654 this penalty was five pounds for every pint thus sold, and forty shillings for the least quantity. These laws were what are now called prohibitory enactments, and were, in the judgment of the law-makers of those times, needful for the good of the Indians and the safety of the white settlers. Notwithstanding these prohibitory laws the evil still went on, increasing, liquors growing more abundant and could be obtained at less expense; the white settlers being too willing to furnish the liquors for the gain the sale brought them. The Indians were forbidden to hire land of the white settlers, because by this means they mingled with them and corrupted the youth, and there was good reason for this caution, for the moral example of the native was beyond question

very corrupting. At this date the Indians found themselves in danger of losing some of their lands through the encroachments of settlers, and they began to look with anger and dismay upon the steady progress of the foreigners in spreading over and occupying the country. And the last great struggle of the native tribes of New England against the race of foreigners was that of King Philip. This war, called ever since "King Philip's War," broke out in June, 1675, just about a century before the struggle of this country for independence. In this war, Uncas and his son Owaneco took an active part, and was probably the last struggle of this nature that Uncas was engaged in.

In August, 1676, King Philip fell, and after this event the contest in the southern part of New England soon ceased. During a period of more than twenty years before his death, Uncas had been selling and granting land with a lavishness that showed that he had a full share of that improvidence usually exhibited by the natives of the soil. Many of the deeds given were signed by Uncas alone, and others by Owaneco, while some were signed by both, and others by the addition of his other sons. In these deeds various reasons are assigned for parting with their lands. Sometimes it is, "Out of love and affection for the grantee;" sometimes, "In consideration of continued kindness shown to me and my children," and sometimes for "favors received when in peril." These grants often conflicted with each other, and were the source of serious quarrel and litigations between the settlers and each other. Uncas died about 1683 or 1684, the precise time, as well as the circumstances of his death being unknown. He was probably about eighty years old at his death. His domicile was situated on a commanding site about three-fourths of a mile southeast from the Mohegan Chapel, or what is now called "Uncas Hill." The land on which his house stood is now owned by Captain Jerome W. Williams, having been conveyed in 1858 to N. B. Bradford, Esq., by the overseer of the tribe, Dr. S. C. Maynard, by a decree of the

Superior Court upon the petition of the members of the tribe then holding the fee of the land. The petitioners claiming ownership were William Wallace Uncas and his sister Eliza Uncas. The land possessed or claimed by the Mohegans at the death of Uncas consisted mainly of three tracts. The first was where the tribe mostly resided, and lay on the west bank of the Pequot or Thames river, between Norwich and New London, and measured more than four miles in breadth, resting at its easterly extremity on the river and extended westerly more than eight miles. Another tract lay along the northern boundary of Lyme, being about two miles in breadth and about nine miles in length, extending to the Connecticut river. A third, called the hunting grounds, lay between Norwich and the towns of Lebanon, Lyme, and Had-dam, a part of which constitutes the town of Colchester. Owaneco, the son of Uncas, succeeded his father as chief of the tribe. Of his three brothers, Attawanhood, alias Joshua, was already dead. Of the other two, John, who was the eldest, probably died before Owaneco, while Ben outlived them both, and ultimately succeeded to the sachemship. Owaneco continued to convey land to the English settlers, which afterwards became the source of much controversy. On succeeding to the sachemship, Owaneco seemed to have had a desire to secure his tribe in the perpetual possession of their lands. It is very probable that Daniel and Samuel Mason urged him to this course. They, like their father, John Mason, were high in favor with the Mohegans, and advised them in important matters. A paper dated March 16, 1684, was drawn up, probably by the direction of the Masons, and signed by Owaneco with his mark. The following is a copy from the Norwich records: "Know all men whom it doth or may concern, that I, Owaneco, Sachem of Mohegan, have, and by these presents pass over all my right of that tract of land between New London town bounds and Trading Cove Brook unto the Mohegan Indians for their use to plant; that neither



I nor my son nor any under him shall at any time make sale of any part thereof; and that tract of land shall be and remain forever for the use of the Mohegan Indians; and myself and mine to occupy and improve for our mutual advantage forever. As Witness my seal and mark.

Owaneco's Mark."

Soon after the execution of the paper, "fearing" as he said, "that he might be induced to drink too freely, and to make injudicious sales of his lands," Owaneco trusted his lands to Samuel and Daniel Mason, as his father had done in 1659 to John Mason. From this time Samuel and Daniel Mason were recognized as their guardians by the Mohegans, they often, however, acting in conjunction with Rev. James Fitch, who was their spiritual adviser. On the 24th of May, 1685, the General Court granted to the town of Lyme a tract of land lying north of that township, nine miles in length by two in breadth. This had been claimed by the Mohegans, and for a long time asserted that for this large tract they had never received any compensation whatever. In 1699, Owaneco gave a deed to Nathaniel Foot, who acted as agent to a company from Hartford who were the purchasers of a large tract of land called the Mohegan hunting grounds. This tract afterwards constituted the township of Colchester. It is said the only consideration for this tract of land being some five or six shillings; this conveyance was by some thought to have been effected by means no ways honest, Owaneco being in liquor at the time. However this may have been, it was very probable that this deed was obtained in order to establish the original proprietors of that tract of land in their rights. It was only about a year previous that the General Court had granted a petition of the inhabitants living in Hartford, giving them liberty for a plantation in that locality. "At a General Court, holden at Hartford, October the 13th, 1698. This Court, upon the petition of divers of the inhabitants in the counties of Hartford, Grant Libertye for a plantation at or near the place



called Jeremiah's farm upon the Rode to New London, and Capt. Daniel Wetherell, Capt. John Hamlin, Mr. Will Pitkin, Capt. Samuel ffordick, they or the Majr part of them are by this Court appointed to be a Committee to lay out a town Ship there beginning at the North bound of twentie mile River and So to Extend Southward to a River Called deep River; And to Extend Eastward from the bounds of Had-dam Seven miles."

This transaction gave rise to a quarrel between the Mohegans and the settlers of Colchester, each inflicting petty insults and injuries upon the other. Daniel Mason took part with the Indians, which so exasperated the townsmen that on one occasion, when he was riding through Colchester, some of them threatened to shoot his horse under him. About the same time another quarrel took place between the Mohegans and the town of New London, the town having passed a vote, taking under their jurisdiction all land lying between their northern limits and the southern limits of Norwich.

The northern boundary line of New London, as determined by a committee appointed by the General Court in June, 1654, was "to a brook called by the Indians Cochicknocke, where the footpath to Mohegan goeth over the creek or cove," and was the stream of water now called Oxoboxo, the southern line of Norwich being at Trading Cove and the brook flowing into it. The Mohegans were alarmed at this action taken by the citizens of New London, fearing that by this act the whole of their entailed lands would be taken away from them. They therefore complained to the General Court, which ordered an investigation, and had the chiefs of the tribes summoned to support their own cause. Owaneco, his brother Ben, and his son Mamohet, made answer to the summons in a letter, written by their friend Daniel Mason. They complained of various encroachments made upon them, and among others were the two large farms laid out by order of the General Court

in October, 1698, for John Winthrop and Gurdon Saltonstall upon their entailed lands. The selectmen of New London, however, quieted the difficulty between the Indians and the inhabitants of the town, by making a declaration, that in extending the limits of their township over the Mohegan territory, they had no intention of infringing upon the rights of the Indian, but considered they held the same claim to their lands as before. But the dissatisfaction of the Indians still continued respecting the territory which they had lost in Colchester. They acknowledged that the land had been purchased, but that the purchase had been illegal, and the terms unfair and unequivalent: illegal because made without the consent of Mason their overseer, unfair because Owaneco was intoxicated at the time, and because the price paid bore no proportion to the actual value of the land. Nicholas Hallum, a strong friend of the Mohegans, drew up a petition enumerating all their wrongs, and presented it to Queen Anne. A commission was appointed, consisting of twelve persons, for hearing and deciding upon the case. This commission was issued July 29, 1704, by which they were empowered to restore to the Mohegans their land if it should appear that it had been unjustly taken from them. The court was to be held at Stonington. The commissioners met according to appointment, and the governor and company of Connecticut, with all persons holding lands claimed by them, were summoned to appear. The government of the colony protested against the action of the commissioners, founding their assertion upon the ground that the crown had no right to issue such commission, it being contrary to a statute of Charles I, and to the charter of Connecticut. The result was that no defense appeared to support their case, and Owaneco and his friends, Mason and Hallum, had the testimony and all the proceedings their own way. The commission went over the circumstances by which in a space of twenty-two years the Mohegans had been deprived of their land, measuring, as they said, more than forty square miles, with

but a small compensation in most instances, and in some none at all. They referred to an enactment of the colony by which Mason was acknowledged as trustee of the Indian lands, and cited those grants which had been made, some by Owaneco, and some by the General Court without the concurrence of Mason. The decision of the case was at length rendered, ordering that the colony should replace the Indians in possession of all the lands which they held at the death of Uncas. Owaneco and Ben Uncas thanked the commissioners for their decision and expressed their entire satisfaction with it, and urged strongly that their acknowledgment might be sent to the Queen for her kind regards for the Mohegans. Samuel Mason, who had acted as their overseer, was now deceased, and Owaneco requested the commission to appoint John Mason of Stonington, nephew of the former overseer, to the place. John Mason was accordingly appointed overseer of Owaneco and his people, with authority to manage all their affairs. The commission then adjourned. The colony appealed from the decision of the commission appointed by the Queen, and on the 15th day of February, 1706, the Queen granted a commission of review. John Mason, now the overseer of the Mohegans, being of a feeble state of health, was for several years confined to his house. The government of Connecticut had little interest in prosecuting the affair, and thus the commission never convened. The General Assembly, however, appointed a committee to treat with Owaneco concerning the differences arising upon his claim to the lands in Colchester and in New London, but his demands were such that it was considered more safe to leave the matter to some future time, and so the attempt was abandoned.

In 1711, John Mason resigned his overseership to William Pitkin and five others. Grants of land were still made by Owaneco with Indian heedlessness, several of them too without the consent of the overseers and without any valuable consideration. His conduct in parting with so much territory in so reckless a manner excited some opposition among his

own people. It is very probable if not all these last grants were obtained by him either while intoxicated, or by teasing him when sober. Two grants made by Owaneco about this time were for kindness shown him by John Plumb and Jonathan Hill in saving his life when in imminent danger of drowning. Being quite intoxicated one night, he fell out of a canoe and would have been drowned had not these persons, happening to be near, pulled him senseless out of the water, for which he afterwards gave them each one hundred acres of land, which transaction was afterwards confirmed by the General Court, and ordered to be surveyed and laid out "about a mile or two west northerly of the ancient Indian fence, provided Owaneco hath good right to said land, and it is not prejudicial to any former grant." Another grant was made to Jonathan Rogers, a cripple son of Samuel Rogers, "in Consideration of his lameness." This land was "bounded on other land of Samuel Rogers and on Hartford path and brook that cometh out of the pond called Obsopogsuit," now Gardner's Lake. Ben Uncas and fifty-four other Mohegans, in May, 1714, signed a paper and had it recorded in New London affirming that Owaneco had wrongfully sold a large part of their lands, and declaring that they consigned what was left to Gurdon Saltonstall, Capt. John Mason, Joseph Stanton, Col. William Whiting, and John Elliot.

Owaneco died in 1715 at the probable age of seventy or seventy-five years. He had three sons, Josiah, Mamohet or Mahomet, and Cesar. Josiah and Mamohet died before their father, and Mamohet, the son of Mamohet, being but a child, Cesar, on the death of his father, assumed the sachemship. Disputes between the tribe and the colony continued to disturb the reign of Cesar, and an appeal was made to the General Assembly, which in 1718 appointed a commission "to view the state of the Indians living at Mohegan and of the land they lived upon, that they might the better understand their situation, and provide measures for civilizing them and acquainting them with the truth of the gospel. The com-

missioners appointed were James Wadsworth, John Hooker, and Captain John Hall. They were empowered to hear and settle the complaints of the Indians and to remove all persons from the lands who held them by no legal right. The number of the Indians as returned to the Assembly at this time was upwards of two hundred. At the May session of the General Assembly in 1720, the commissioners made their report, which was substantially in favor of the white claimants. Nearly every claim of the settlers was allowed, the hunting grounds to Colchester was confirmed, the nine-mile tract to Lyme and three-quarters of the sequestered lands to the several persons who had obtained titles to them. The decision was ratified by the government of Connecticut, and thus ended the proceedings resulting from the complaint which Hallum had made to the Queen seventeen years before.

As to the religious condition of the Mohegans, very little was done at this period to instruct them in the Christian faith. It is presumed that but few of them had become converts to the Christian faith; the remainder were still heathen, believing not perhaps in all their ancient deities, but at least in some of them, and asserting that while the English were bound to worship the English God, the Indians were equally bound to worship and serve the Indian gods. About this time complaint was made to the government by the Indians, asserting that several of the settlers had encroached upon their lands. The governor summoned the chiefs to appear before him at New London and state their complaints. Cesar, Sachem, Ben Uncas and several of the council appeared before the governor, Gurdon Saltonstall, June 18, 1720, when he asked them who the persons were that had intruded upon their lands. They replied that they were Stephen Maples, Jonathan Hill, Ralph Fargo, Joshua Baker, Alexander Baker, and John Nobles, and also that a saw-mill \* had been built upon their land by Peter Mason, and was then in the hands of

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\* This saw-mill stood where the Fox Mills, as they were afterward called, stood.

Samuel Allyn, by which means their timber was destroyed. The governor then informed them that the persons complained of should be sent for and required to give an account of their pretention to their claims, which should be a preliminary step to bring the matter before the General Court. Cesar and his council were to have notice to be present and be heard in what they had to say relative to their complaints. The persons complained of were accordingly notified to appear before the governor's council on the Monday after the opening of the General Court, in September, 1720, which day fell on the third day of October of that year. All parties being present, the Indians were requested to state their particular complaints. Whereupon Ben Uncas declared "that the land which Jonathan Hill held as coming from his father, did not rightfully belong to him, and that Hill had offered him and Cesar four pounds apiece to be quiet and not complain against him," to which assertion Jonathan Hill replied, "he had offered it only for peace sake," upon which the Indian said, "the land was not theirs to dispose of, but was to descend to their children." Mr. Hill declined to give any account of the right he had to the land "because on a former occasion he had given his reasons to the committee appointed by the General Court to settle all disputed claims." Stephen Maples also refused to make any statement relative to his claim to title before the council, as he said, because he had previously shown his right to his land before the committee.

Ralph Fargo declared the same, Jonathan and Alexander Baker also alleged that they had shown their titles to the committee, and the committee made no objection to them. John Nobles gave the same reasons for not showing his title as the others had. Upon the consideration of the complaints made by the Indians, and the answers by the claimants, the matter was, by the council, referred to the General Assembly, which body appointed James Wadsworth, John Hooker, and Captain John Hall, or any two of them, to be a committee to effect, if possible, a final settlement of the controversy per-

taining to the land question in the North Parish of New London. Messrs. Wadsworth and Hall accordingly met at the house of Joseph Bradford, Esq., who resided in the North Parish of New London, on February 22, 1720-1, examined the matter laid before them, and decided in the favor of nearly every white claimant ! They allowed nearly all the English claims which were presented to them, and almost every claimant was quieted in his possession. The deed of trust was confirmed, and the possession of the sequestered land which remained, being from four to five thousand acres, settled upon the Mohegans so long as a single man of them should remain in existence, and the reversion settled upon the town. All the court grants were ratified, the purchase of John Livingston, Robert Denison, Samuel Rogers, and James Harris made in 1710, and in general all Indian engagements made previous to that date. This decision was ratified by the General Assembly, and thus ended the long existing controversies.

Cesar, the son of Owaneco, died in 1723, after having for eight years assumed the sachemship of the Mohegans. The rightful heir to the crown now, as before, was Mamohet, the grandson of Owaneco by his eldest son Mamohet. Being still a youth, or at the most a very young man, advantage was taken of him on that account to deprive him of the sachemship. Ben Uncas, youngest brother of Owaneco, an illegitimate son of Uncas the first, (it was a matter of report among both Indians and whites that Ben's mother was the daughter of Foxen), must now have been an old man, yet not old enough it appears to prevent his claim for royalty and power. Upon the death of Cesar, Ben Uncas became a competitor with Mamohet for the sachemship, and even threatened, as so reported, the life of his opponent. A council of the tribe was called and the claims of the two rivals were discussed, and disputed for several days, and at last decided in favor of Ben. The Assembly sustained the choice, and Mason also supported him. Major Ben Uncas, as he was commonly



called, was therefore crowned sachem of Mohegan, and his installation conducted under the supervision of the government. The governor appointed two or three persons, having an understanding of the manner and language of the Indians, to be present and to signify the concurrence of the government and to keep order among the Indians during the occasion. The controversy respecting the Mohegan lands, which were supposed to have been forever settled in 1721, very soon revived. John Mason had never been satisfied with the decision then made. He had been to too great expense in the matter of pursuing the claims of the Indians before the courts. He stated that the charges of the Queen's Commission, held at Stonington in 1705, was 573 lbs. 12s. 8d., part of which he had already paid, and for the remainder he had made himself responsible. Mason, as guardian of the Indians, had stood responsible for their proportion of the charges of the commission, supposing that the lands which had been conveyed in Colchester and Lyme would be either returned to the Indians or an equivalent paid for it, which would enable them to pay him the amount he had advanced for them, but all his hopes being crushed by the decision of the committee in 1721, Mason seems to have resolved to appeal for justice to the General Court, and in 1722 applied for copies of the proceedings relative to the lands of the Mohegans, and in October of the following year presented a memorial of his grievances, and a petition for redress, with the request that he might again have the care of the Mohegans and their lands, with permission to live among them, and to cultivate such lands as they were willing to allot him. The court took no notice of his memorial at first, but afterwards granted his request to live among them. He was authorized to take charge of the affairs of the Indians, and was requested to set up a school among them to make them acquainted with the nature of the Christian religion. This favor was probably out of respect to the ancestors of Captain Mason, and to the confidence which the Mohegans reposed in him. Ben



Uncas, his council and tribe, then chose Captain Mason their overseer and confirmed the office to him and to his heirs forever, granting him permission to live among them, and a tract of land for his own use. Captain Mason accordingly moved from Stonington to Mohegan; improved the land allotted him, and for several years acted as the teacher of the Mohegans, the General Court at times granting him small sums as a compensation for his services. He still complained, however, of the injustice of being obliged to pay all the costs of a court which the colony had refused to accept, and being unwilling, and probably now unable to extort so large a sum from the tribe, he made another effort to obtain it from the colony. In May, 1725, a second memorial was presented, asking that either the decision of the Queen's Commission be fulfilled, or some other method taken to liquidate the expenses thereby incurred, as well as the losses he had sustained by waiting twenty years. On the presentation of this memorial a committee was appointed which made its report in May of the following year. Objection was made to his charges, and the committee also brought up against him the resignation of the trusteeship of the Mohegan lands made in 1710, and the one thousand pounds which were paid by the colony to those persons who claimed lands of him, but were rejected by the committee. This report was accepted by the General Court, and the petition dismissed.

In the spring or summer of 1726, Major Ben Uncas, sachem of the Mohegans, died, and was succeeded by his son, also named Ben Uncas. Some opposition, however, was made to him by part of the tribe, but he was publicly installed into the office after the Mohegan fashion, and his election was ratified by the General Court. In the meantime, Mason, still unsatisfied with the previous acts of the colony, was endeavoring to form a party among the Indians who would support him in the effort to obtain what he considered his rights. Ben Uncas the second, now sachem, remained as firm to the colony as had his father, and also a few others of

the tribe. But, Mason had succeeded in gaining over the greater part of them to his side, and the sachem, finding his authority disturbed, became strongly opposed to Mason, and as anxious to destroy his influence as the colony could desire. He had twice petitioned that other overseers be appointed for the tribe, and accordingly the General Court, in 1726, passed a resolution confirming Ben Uncas as sachem, and appointed John Hall and James Wadsworth as his guardians. Mason, though deprived of the overseership, still continued to live on the Mohegan lands, believing still that he had been wronged by the colonial government, and still claiming to be the rightful overseer of the tribe, he resolved to carry his case before the Crown. Finding the sachem bitterly opposed to him, he came out in support of the claims of Mamohet to the sachemship, and succeeded in getting a large part of the tribe to adhere to him. In 1730, three guardians, James Wadsworth, Stephen Whittlesey, and Samuel Lynde were appointed with authority to lease the Indian lands to white settlers to improve, the rents to be received by Ben Uncas in right of his dignity as sachem. Two years afterwards the guardians were authorized to prosecute those tenants who refused to quit the lands when their leases expired. It had been previously enacted that persons holding lands on the tract sequestered to the Mohegans by John Mason in 1671, should not be allowed to plead even fifteen years' possession for their claim, but should still hold them merely as tenants of the Indians, unless they could prove title and to have been fairly purchased.

Captain John Mason in 1735, with his son Samuel Mason and Mamohet, sailed for England with a determination of presenting a memorial of his grievances concerning the land in question to the King, George the second. The King received his memorial, and referred it to the Lords. They reported that an order of review of the case had been given in 1706, and proposed that another should now be granted, the expense of which, out of consideration for the poverty of

the tribe, should be paid by the Crown. Before the commission was made out, John Mason died in England. A few weeks after the death of Mason, Mamohet was laid in the grave on old England's soil. The Mohegans, on hearing of the death of Mamohet, set up in his place John Uncas, a cousin of Ben, and son of that John who was the next older brother to Owaneco. A few months previous to the death of Mamohet, the Mohegans, while holding one of their dances, had a vote taken, whether Mamohet or Ben Uncas was their true sachem, which was unanimously in favor of Mamohet. John and Samuel Mason, after the death of their father, laid claim to the guardianship of the Indians by virtue of a public document making over the office to their father and his descendants in perpetuity. At this time, very few of the the tribe adhered to Ben Uncas, the sachem. Out of about a hundred men, the number then composing the tribe, only about a dozen remained firm to their sachem. These two parties drew up and signed petitions in favor of their respective choice. The adherents of Ben complained that Captain John Mason, lately deceased, had opposed the right of Ben to the sachemship, and encouraged the Mohegans to set up a rival against him. Captain John Mason, having been permitted to occupy and improve some of the tribe land, out of respect to his ancestors, and in consideration of his setting up a school among them, it was now asserted that Mason, being dead, the land on which he had lived ought to return into the possession of the tribe. The General Court, upon hearing their petitions, directed the three guardians, James Wadsworth, Stephen Whittlesey, and Samuel Lynde, to go to Mohegan, and if possible settle the quarrel of the Indians. They were also instructed to see that their rights were protected and preserved to them, their fields fenced, and their corn protected from the cattle of the neighboring farmers. In June, 1737, a commission of review upon the unsettled affairs of the Mohegans was made up in England, appointing as commissioners the governor and assistants of Rhode Island,

and the lieutenant-governor and members of New York. This created a considerable commotion in the colony of Connecticut, especially among those settlers in the town of New London, Colchester, and the north of Lyme. The government of Connecticut began immediately its preparations to meet the approaching storm. An important point on which the fate of the trial might turn was the question as to who was the rightful sachem of the Mohegans. If Ben Uncas could retain the position and authority of that office, he might perhaps render the proceedings of the proposed commission void by refusing to acknowledge Samuel Mason as the agent of the tribe, and by declaring that the Mohegans had no cause of complaint against the colony. The majority of the Indians were indeed bitterly opposed to Ben Uncas, but a favorable opportunity was now offered to induce them to acknowledge his title to the office. A report had been circulated about that the eastern Indians were about to attack them, and the Mohegans thereupon applied to the government for protection against the threatening tribes. The governor replied that he would protect none but their lawful sachem, Ben Uncas, and those Indians who submitted to his authority. A paper, acknowledging Ben as the true and lawful sachem of the Mohegans, was drawn up and presented for the signatures of those who, on this condition, would accept the protection of the government. Fifty-eight Indians signed the paper. Another scheme was at this time projected in order to strengthen the claims of Ben. He was to send for his son, then an indentured apprentice to Samuel Russel of Sherburne, Massachusetts, and have him married to Ann, the daughter of their former sachem, Cesar. His master refused to give him up without being compensated for that part of his apprenticeship which was still unexpired. Thereupon forty pounds were paid for this object, and ten pounds more for the expense of the messenger. The young man Ben was brought home to Mohegan and married to Ann, as had been proposed. Precaution was also taken in obtaining a deed from the Mo-

hegans acknowledging that the colony had always behaved towards them with justice, disclaiming the complaint which had lately been made to the King, and releasing all persons concerned from the consequences of the decision rendered at the Queen's court in 1705. Such, however, was the influence of the Masons that only eighteen of the tribe, including the sachem, could be induced to sign the deed. A large number of the others met the next day and formally protested against what had been done, disclaiming Ben Uncas as their sachem, and denied that he had any right to release their demands. The Mason party had retained as counsel for the Mohegans William Shirley and William Bolan. The meeting of the commissioners court being now near at hand, John Richards, one of the guardians of the Indians, who had been appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Stephen Whittlesey, was ordered to provide Ben Uncas with proper clothing to appear before the commissioners. On the fourth day of June, 1738, the commission convened at Norwich. The commissioners were nine in number, Phillip Cortlandt and Daniel Horsmanden of New York, and the governor and six assistants of the colony of Rhode Island. Phillip Cortlandt was chosen president, and the commission entered upon its business. All persons interested were summoned to appear before the commission.

When the chief sachem was called, Ben Uncas, in his dignity, arose and replied that he was the chief sachem of the Mohegans. Immediately following him was John Uncas, who also asserted that he was chief sachem. The commission decided to settle this point before proceeding further, and nine persons, residing in the vicinity of the Mohegans, well acquainted among the tribe, were summoned and examined as to which, in their opinion, was the rightful claimant to the title. They each testified that John was descended from the second son of old Uncas, and that Ben was descended from a younger son, who was supposed to have been illegitimate, that in consequence of the mixture of white blood

in Ben, John Uncas was the true and lawful sachem of the Mohegans. Upon hearing this testimony, the Rhode Island commissioners, who appeared to have favor for the colony, expressed themselves as still unsatisfied, and the attorneys for the Mohegans, seconded by Mason, at once proposed that the Indians who were present be brought forward and heard in the matter. This proposition being put to the vote, a majority of the commissioners decided against it. This was on the tenth day of June, 1738. On the following day the examination of testimony was continued, and Thomas Stanton, Captain John Morgan, and Jonathan Barker, then a missionary among the Mohegan Indians, each testified in favor of John Uncas. The council for the Mohegans again moved that the testimony of the Indians might be taken, first for Ben Uncas, afterwards for John Uncas. A part of the commissioners refused to take their testimony, the others dissented from the refusal. On the thirteenth of June a majority of the commissioners decided that Ben Uncas was the rightful sachem of the Mohegans, and thus ended this extraordinary hearing. The costs of this hearing had been considerable to the colony of Connecticut, and some of the items preserved in the records are not unworthy of notice. James Harris, a large landholder and speculator, then living on land in the vicinity, purchased of Owaneco, sent in two bills for expense incurred in keeping up a party among the tribe who were favorable to the colony. The first item consisted of 8lbs. 5s. 10d. for clothes and other articles furnished to Joshua and Samuel Uncas, Simon Choychoy, and Zachery Johnson. A second item was for expenses incurred while remaining personally among the Mohegans, and endeavoring to keep them in good humor. Another item was 10lbs. 13s. 7d. for feasting the Indians at their meeting for the revocation, alluding to the council convened, when the release was assented to by the party who favored Ben Uncas as sachem. The entire bills of Mr. Harris amounted to some more than one hundred and ninety pounds, but the General Court finally allowed him one hundred pounds.

Difficulties, however, soon after arose between Ben Uncas and some of the people of Norwich, and he complained to the General Court that encroachments were being made on the Mohegan lands, which had so lately been reserved to them. The guardians, Wadsworth, Lynde, and Richards, were therefore commissioned to ascertain the bounds of the Mohegan lands, and assist their sachem in maintaining them against intruders. After the close of the court in 1738, John and Samuel Mason were commissioned by their party among the Mohegans to present an appeal to the Crown. The memorial was drawn up, signed, and sent over to England. The claim of John Uncas to the sachemship was again revived. His friends claimed for him, as being the oldest surviving branch of the royal family, and this was supported by a majority of the tribe, Ben Uncas only representing the youngest branch of the royal family, and that branch as generally believed to be illegitimate. Descent among the Indians was held to be influenced by the mother and not by the father. The mother of Ben, not being a woman of the royal blood, consequently John Uncas was the rightful sachem by descent. The memorial sent over to England was by the Lords Justices considered, and the former decision of the commissioners was set aside, and a new commission granted (January, 1741), empowering the governor and council of New York and the governor and council of New Jersey to try the cause.

On the 9th day of July, 1743, the commissioners held their first meeting at Norwich, then a small town. The town was filled to overflowing with strangers, representing the several parties in interest. The whole tribe of the Mohegans was quartered on the inhabitants of the town, and the two rival sachems exerted themselves each to maintain their respective claims to the sachemship. John Uncas and his followers were entertained by their friends, the Lathrops and Leffingwells, and other principal inhabitants of Norwich. Ben Uncas was supported mostly at the expense of the colony, and was honored with the notice of the chief offices of the



government. Four parties, John Uncas, Ben Uncas, the colony of Connecticut, and the holders of disputed lands appeared in court, each being represented by its own attorney. The case was fully presented and argued by the several attorneys. The trial dragged on for several days, and an immense amount of evidence on every point having any relation to or bearing on the case in question, was brought and examined. The counsel for the colony had claimed that the Mohegans were not originally a distinct and independent people, but only an offshoot of the Pequots, which had been rescued from servitude and rendered numerous and powerful by the friendship of the English. Thus they had properly no territory of their own, and what rights to land they could claim were passed away by Uncas' deed in 1640. Another deed had been obtained in 1659 by Mason, not as trustee of the Indians, but as an agent of the colony of Connecticut, of which he was then deputy governor. Within a year after, he had made over all the lands thus obtained to the colony, so that his subsequent reservation of a considerable portion of them to the Mohegans was illegal and consequently void. The lands in dispute had thus twice been bought in the mass, and had afterwards been purchased in tracts by individuals, and remuneration received by the Indians. The Indians themselves were entirely satisfied, and only made trouble because they were incited to do so by selfish and intriguing men. Finally they desired that the authority of the commissions could extend further than to such lands as the sachem had in their sales reserved to themselves. The counsel on the part of the claimants denied that the Mohegans had ever sold their lands in a mass to the colony, they had only trusted it to their faithful friends from the greediness and cunning of many of the English. And when Mason had grown old, and was about to die, he had returned the greater part of it to the tribe, and the sachem had, after his decease, transferred it to the care of his children. In the Mason family it had always continued, and in that family, by the will of the Mohegans, it still re-



mained. The complainants also denied that Ben Uncas was the true sachem, and acknowledged no one for that office but John Uncas. The counsel for Ben Uncas requested a hearing on behalf of his client, which was granted, upon which he procured a paper signed by Ben Uncas as sachem of Mohegan, and by ten of his people. It was a release to the government and people of Connecticut from the present trial, acknowledging that all the material assertions in their defense were true, and declaring that they held legal and 'honorable possession of the territory now in litigation. The holders of the disputed lands appeared by counsel before the commission, denying that they were complained against by those who had a right to complain, and asked to be dismissed. The counsel for the complainants replied that the tenants held lands once belonging to the Mohegans, that the Mohegans had charged them with obtaining those lands unfairly, and it was their business to repel that charge, and the proofs which were alleged in its support, by substantial facts. The tenants then denied the power of the Crown to institute a commission such as was now sitting for the trial of their case, but the commissioners overruled the denial. The tenants finally made a declaration that they held their titles to the lands now occupied by them by fair Indian grants, obtained for money, goods, and valuable considerations, paid to the native owners. On the seventeenth day after the opening of the commissioners' court, all the evidence had been finished, and the pleas of the counsels for the several parties interested heard. In reviewing the evidence, the commission went over the whole history of land transactions between the Mohegans and the colony of Connecticut; allowed the truth of all, or, nearly all that had been urged by the advocates of the latter; expressed their belief that the Indians would not have retained a foot of land had it not been for the interference of the government; mentioned that the Mohegans now had secured to them a tract of four or five thousand acres, and pronounced a decision in favor of the col-

ony, two out of the five, Morris and Horsmanden, dissenting from the decision as rendered. The court then adjourned to the fifth of November, 1743, at which time the judgment of the majority should be read, and final decision pronounced. On the appointed day the commissioners again met, and the judgment by Colden, Rodman, and Cortlandt was read, closing with the following decision:

The decree of Governor Dudley and his colleagues, delivered September 3, 1705, is wholly revoked, except as to that part of the sequestered lands, which has been laid out by the colony of Connecticut for the Mohegan Indians, and which is now reserved to them as long as they exist. Bollan, counsel on the part of John Uncas and his friends, then presented an appeal from the decision of the court to that of the King's privy council. The appeal was sent, and the cause was tried, and finally settled in England. The last mention of these disputed claims may be found in Hartford, dated July 8, 1766, when it was to be presented to the Lords' Commission in the following February. The final decision, when it took place, was given in favor of the colony.

It has been already mentioned that John Mason, about 1723, by the request of the Mohegans, moved from Stonington and settled on their land, and for several years acted as school teacher among them. A schoolhouse, twenty-two feet long and sixteen feet wide, was by the General Assembly ordered to be built for the benefit of the Mohegan Indians, and to be paid for out of the colonial treasury. In 1727 all persons having Indian children in their families were commanded to teach them the common English branches, and to instruct them in the Christian faith. During the fall of 1733, a minister named Jonathan Barber was sent among the Mohegans by the agents of a missionary society established in England, with a view to evangelize and spread the gospel among the Indians of North America. How long Mr. Barber remained among them, or what success attended his labors is uncertain. The indulgence by the Indians in

the use of intoxicating liquors was found to be a great hindrance in the attempt to Christianize them, and the evil at this time was so extensive that some of the Indians themselves began to be alarmed. Severe laws had been enacted regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors to the several tribes of Indians in the colony of Connecticut, but they were broken with impunity, and rum was brought among them by the gallon, and cider by the barrel, in defiance of law. The Indians were as anxious to get it as the whites were to furnish it, and it was difficult to induce an Indian to inform against those who enabled them to procure their favorite beverages. At the session of the General Assembly held in October, 1733, a law was passed particularly for the benefit of the Mohegans, and was upon the petition of Ben Uncas. I will give the exact words as they are found in the colonial records:

“An Act for the more effectual Preventing the Selling Strong Drink to the Mohegan Indians: Whereas, Ben Uncas, Sachem of said Indians has complained to this Assembly that, notwithstanding the laws now in force to prevent selling strong drink to the Indians, there is now continually much strong drink sold to the Mohegans, by means whereof their estates are impoverished, their manners debauched, and themselves rendered more untractable to receive the Christian faith, for remedy whereof,

“Be it enacted by the governor, council and representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That all Cyder, Rhum, and other strong drink that shall hereafter (till this Assembly order otherwise) be found with any of the said Indians, without the allowance of Messrs. Adonijah Fitch, and Abraham Avery, living in said Mohegan, shall be forfeited to our Sovereign Lord the King, the produce of it to be improved for the good of the Mohegan Indians.

“And the said Adonijah Fitch and Abraham Avery, and each of them are hereby appointed and impowered to make search after such strong drink, and to seize and secure the

same, and to libel against it as forfeit for any assistant or Justice of the Peace, when the forfeiture is not above forty shillings, otherwise before the County Court in the County of New London, and the said Adonijah Fitch and Abraham Avery are hereby chosen and appointed Grand Jurors for the County of New London till this Assembly shall order otherwise, who shall be sworn accordingly, and they are directed especially to make diligent search after, and due presentment of all breaches of the laws made to prevent the selling strong drink to the Indians.

“ And it is further enacted, That when any strong drink shall be seized as aforesaid in the custody of any of the said Indians, if such Indian or Indians shall inform of whom he bought such drink, and give evidence thereof, so as such vender, besides the penalties already by law established for such offense, shall forfeit to such Indian twice the value of the drink seized as aforesaid, and the authority before whom such vender is convicted shall give sentence accordingly. This Act to continue in force till the first day of May in the year 1735.”

As early as 1736, Ben Uncas made a declaration that he had embraced the Christian religion. When this event was known to the Assembly, the members of that body expressed themselves much gratified, and resolved to encourage the chief in so good a course. They therefore passed a resolution desiring the governor “ to present him at the public expense with a hat and coat in the English style, and his wife Anna with a gown.”

During the year 1741 there was great religious interest throughout New England. It was at this time that Whitefield visited many of the towns in New England, and preached with distinguished success. The Rev. Eliphalet Adams of New London, with Rev. David Jewett of the North Parish, had for some years been laboring among the Mohegans. After Mr. Jewett was settled over his parish in 1739, many of the Indians attended upon his ministry, and from fifteen to

twenty joined the church, among whom was Widow Bete Occum and Anna Uncas, wife of the sachem, Lucy Cohegan, Sarah Occum, Samuel Ashpo, and Widow Hannah Cooper. Ben Uncas died about 1749. His will, dated May 8, 1745, was probably drawn up by some of the white settlers, but some of the ideas contained therein seem to be those of his own, and for the benefit of the reader I give an extract from its opening passage:

“In the name of God, Amen. I, Benjamin Uncas, Sachem of the Mohegan tribe of Indians, sensible that I am born to die, and also knowing that the time when, is uncertain, do now in my health and strength, for which I desire to praise God, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who made it, trusting in Christ for the free and full pardon of all my sins, and for obtaining eternal life. My body I commit to the earth to be buried in devout Christian burial, at and in the sepulcher of my ancestors in the common Indian Kings burying ground in the town of Norwich, and I believe that through the mighty power of God my body shall be raised at the last day, and soul and body be re-united and live together, never more to be separated.”

He appointed his only son, Benjamin, as his successor. In the division of his personal property, he gave his wife, his son, and his five daughters, each one-seventh part. He expressed the desire that all his children might be brought up and educated in the Christian religion, which he affirmed to be his own choice, and in which he declared that he hoped to live and die. Rev. Eliphalet Adams is styled in one of the petitions of Ben Uncas and his people “their venerable and faithful pastor.” He died in 1753, aged 77 years. The year before his death he, in conjunction with Rev. David Jewett, petitioned the Assembly to make an appropriation for the repairs of the Indian schoolhouse, then much dilapidated from exposure. The petition was granted, and the schoolhouse repaired and enlarged for the accommodation of the teacher

and his family. Robert McClelland, a man sent to them by the missionary society in England, became teacher of the Mohegans. He continued to exercise his office as a teacher for several years. He was a member of Mr. Jewett's church.

Two years after this appropriation a law book was presented to the Mohegans by the Assembly, and Mr. McClelland was directed to read and explain to them the contents of the book at least twice each year. About this time there were many orphans in the tribe, owing to the late war between the colony and the French and Indians of Canada, the Indians having volunteered to assist the English in driving back the French and Indians. Many had lost their lives in the encounter. Much suffering on account of poverty prevailed, and it was with great difficulty that the children could be induced to attend school.

McClelland found no small difficulty in getting the members of his school together. Sometimes he would go out into the fields in search for them, and sometimes he went to the cabins of the parents to persuade them to do what they could in getting their children regularly to school. Finding these endeavors unavailing, he commenced giving each of the poorer scholars a piece of bread every day for dinner. This plan had a good effect. His means would not, however, allow him to continue that practice from his own resources alone, so he petitioned the Assembly for assistance, which was successful, and as long as he continued to feed the mind of the Indian child he fed his body. Among the Indian boys at the time when Ben Uncas the second was crowned sachem was one, who, in after years, became famous, not only among his own tribe, but throughout both New and Old England. His name was Samson Occum. He was born at Mohegan in 1723. At the age of seventeen years he became anxious about his soul's welfare, and at times was greatly alarmed at his own lost condition. For six months he was burdened with his sins, and could get no relief. At last light broke in upon his soul, and he entered into the path of the just. From the time

light broke upon him, and the dreaded doom of darkness had vanished, the desire uppermost in his mind was to become a teacher of the "good news" to his brethren.

Occum was early placed in the family of Rev. Mr. Wheelock of Lebanon, where he received his first education, being at that time quite young. Two others of the Mohegan boys were also at different times under the tutorship of Mr. Wheelock: Joseph Johnson, who also became an eminent preacher of the gospel, and Isaiah Uncas, son of the sachem, who, when in youth, was in feeble health and of a dull intellect. Isaiah died about 1770, and with him expired the male line of the Ben Uncas family. After Occum's conversion, his education re-commenced in Rev. Mr. Wheelock's family, and here he remained three years, when he removed for about one year to the home of Rev. Mr. Pomeroy, a clergyman of Hebron. It was the intent of the friends of young Occum that he should complete his education at college, but his health failed him under confinement, his eyes became affected from close study, and he was obliged for a time to give up his studies. In 1748, Occum taught school for a while in New London. After this time he was a preacher on Long Island, when on the 29th of August, 1759, he was ordained by the Suffolk Presbytery. His preaching on Long Island was to the tribe of Indians located there. Occum was ever afterwards regarded as a regular member of the ecclesiastical society. In 1766 he visited England, and preached with good acceptance in London and other principal cities of Great Britain to crowded audiences. In May, 1769, died Ben Uncas, the last sachem of the tribe of Mohegans, being the sixth crowned sachem of the tribe, and the third Ben Uncas in the direct line of Uncas the first. The news of his death reaching the Assembly then in session, a committee was immediately appointed to go to Mohegan and consult with the Indians about the best method of choosing a successor, and of preventing any quarrel that might arise as to the lands. Three of the committee appointed, William Hillhouse, Gurdon Sal-



tonstall, and Pyan Adams, arrived in time to attend the funeral of the deceased sachem. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. David Jewett, the pastor of the church at North Parish, and a sincere friend of the Mohegans. The remains of the sachem were buried in one of the burial grounds at Mohegan, but were subsequently exhumed, and re-buried in the royal cemetery of the tribe at Norwich. The committee, on arriving at Mohegan, found all the former quarrels of the Mohegans revived and broken out with redoubled violence upon the question of the sachemship. Occum, who, since his return from England had been preaching part of the time to his countrymen, was in favor of John Uncas and so was John Cooper, Jo Wyacks, and most of the leading men of the tribe. John Uncas' party had publicly recognized his title to the sachemship on the same day that Ben Uncas died, and the committee were obliged to confess that besides the family of Ben Uncas, not more than four or five Mohegans could be induced to acknowledge any person as sachem whom the assembly would approve. Another committee had been appointed soon after the first, and had been furnished with explicit directions. They were to acquaint Isaiah Uncas with all the particulars regarding what the colony had done for the first Uncas and grand sachem, the state of the suit now pending in England, and with the release in favor of the colony, which had been executed by the first Ben Uncas and his people, and then they were to recommend the appointing of Isaiah Uncas as sachem. But the committee could effect nothing, either as to the sachemship or the division of their lands. Those who favored John Uncas refused to say anything except that they wanted no help or advice from the colony, and that they did not choose to appoint a sachem or divide their lands until they had heard how the case had gone in England. All the efforts and propositions of the committee were useless, and they were finally obliged to give up their errand and return to Hartford to report their ill success. Soon after this the great suit before the King's Bench was at last made, and



was again in favor of the colony. Occum, on hearing of the termination of the suit, in writing to a friend says: "The grand controversy which has subsisted between the colony of Connecticut and the Mohegan Indians above seventy years is finally decided in favor of the colony. I am afraid the poor Indians will never stand a good chance with the English in their land controversies, because they are very poor; they have no money. Money is almighty nowadays, and the Indians have no learning, no wit, no cunning. The English have all."

The following is the copy of a paper found on file in the State Library, and to which is attached the names of more than forty of the Indians who were on the stage of action at the death of Ben Uncas the second, in 1749.

" Mohegan, June 19th, 1749.

" We, the Indians commonly called Mmoyanhegunnehvog, having had several meetings to consult about sachem, for we see that we can't be a free and Distinct People by our selves unless we have a head, and now we have Nominated Benjamin Uncas to be our sachem; i. e., if he will Consent to all the Articles which his Father Left in his Last Will or Testament Concerning the matter, and this is all that we Can Say at this Time Seeing we cant do much of our Selves. And now having again had further Consideration and having Examined Benjamin Uncas and heard his Consent and Compliance to all the Articles above mentioned, And he proposes Also, by Divine help and assistance to conform him Self to them all. And so now upon these very Terms and Considerations and not other We do Choose Benjamin Uncas to be our Sachem, and we do also promise to be Loving, faithful, and Obedient Subjects to Benj. Uncas as our Sachem So long as he shall maintain and walk agreeable to the Articles of his father's Last Will or Testament Concerning Sachemship.

In Testimony Whereof We do Set to our hands,

ZACHERY JOHNSON	JOHN FETCH
JOHN DANTUEQUEJAN	JOSHUA OCCOM
EPHRAIM JOHNSON	JACOB GEORGE
SAMSON OCCUM	SAMUEL ASHPO
JOSEPH JOHNSON	JOHN JOHNSON
JOHN GEORGE	ABEL AUSHKONUNTT
SAMUEL PIE	JOSHUA GEORGE
MOSES MAZZEAN	DANIEL COOPER
JAMES ROBPIN	PEGE JOWON
DAVID OCCOM	ROBERT ASHPO
JOHN ROBPIN	SAMUEL COOPER
JACOB HOSCOTT	SOLOMON COOPER
JACOB HOSCOTT, JR.	JOSEPH ASHPO
JABEZ JAMES	JONATHAN OCCOM
SIMON CHOYCHOY	ELIPHALET JOWON
NOAH CHOYCHOY	JOSEPH JOWON
CHALS. CHOYCHOY	THOMAS OCCOM
HENRY QUAMQUANQUID	JOSHUA JOGUIRE
CALEB CAUCHEGAN	JOHN NANEZCOOM
JOHN CHESWONKEH	GEORGE MEIEYETUMMIE
THOMAS GEORGE	

Sworn to at New London May 10, 1750,

Before DANIEL COIT,

*Justice of the Peace.*

After the report of the committee appointed in the interest of Isaiah Uncas, a bill was passed by the Assembly, appropriating thirty pounds for presents to Isaiah and his attendants. This was in consideration of the "ancient friendship between the Mohegans and the colony." The money was expended partly in presents to Isaiah and some of his adherents, partly paying their expenses while on a visit to Hartford, and partly in purchasing various articles from the widow and family of the late sachem. Isaiah Uncas died during the year 1770, and with him expired the male line of the Ben Uncas family. No person has ever been sachem since the death of the last Ben

Uncas. The strongest claimant to the crown was Isaiah; besides him was his rival, John Uncas; but neither these persons nor any others ever became sachems.

About this time William Hubbard had succeeded Robert McClelland as school teacher among the Mohegans, with a salary from the missionary society of twenty-four pounds a year. The schoolhouse, and the dwelling attached to it, both being in need of repairs, he had expended about five pounds from his own resources to make them comfortable. This sum, after several petitions to the Assembly, was by its order paid back to Hubbard, and also a grant was made to him of six pounds yearly in addition to his previous salary. It is not certainly known how long this man was employed as a teacher of the Mohegan children, but it is supposed until about 1774 or 1775. In the latter part of 1771, a Mohegan named Moses Paul was tried, condemned, and sentenced to death for the murder of one Moses Clark while in a fit of intoxication. A large assembly of English and Indians collected to witness his execution, and by request of the condemned, Samson Occum preached a funeral sermon before the poor miserable man was launched into eternity. He took for his text the words, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The following is an extract from the sermon preached from the above text, and when the condemned man was before him, and probably sitting upon his coffin.

"My poor kindred, you see the woeful consequences of sin by seeing this, our poor, miserable countryman now before us, who is to die for his sins and great wickedness. And it was the sin of drunkenness that has brought this destruction and untimely death upon him. There is a dreadful woe denounced from the Almighty against drunkards, and it is this sin, this abominable, this beastly sin of drunkenness that has stripped us of every desirable comfort in this life; by this sin we have no name or credit in the world among polite nations; for this sin we are despised in the world, and it is all

right and just, for we despise ourselves more, and if we don't regard ourselves who will regard us? By this sin we can't have comfortable houses, nor anything comfortable in our houses, neither food or raiment, nor decent utensils. We are obliged to put up any sort of shelter, just to screen us from the severity of the weather, and we go about with very mean, ragged and dirty clothes, almost naked. We are half starved, and most of the time obliged to pick up anything to eat. And our poor children are suffering every day for want of food, and we have nothing to give them; and in the cold weather they are shivering and crying, being pinched with cold. All this is for the love of strong drink. And this is not all the misery and evil we bring on ourselves in this world; but when we are intoxicated with strong drink, we drown our rational powers by which we are distinguished from the brute creation. We unman ourselves and bring ourselves, not only on a level with the beasts of the field, but seven degrees beneath them; yea, we bring ourselves level with the devils. I don't know but we make ourselves worse than the devils, for I never heard of a drunkard devil. They have been cheated," he proceeds to say, "by means of drunkenness, they have been drowned and frozen through drunkenness, yet, for all this, drunkenness is not a matter of shame among them; the young men will get drunk as soon as they will eat when they are hungry; and while no sight is more shocking, none is more common than that of a drunken woman." The preacher made a long and earnest address to the doomed prisoner, pointing out the frightful nature of his crime, explaining the divine mode of salvation, and urging him with pathos and energy to accept it. He closed his discourse with the following general exhortation: "And now let me exhort you all to break off your drunkenness by a gospel repentance, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved. Take warning by this doleful subject before us, and by all the dreadful judgments that has befallen poor drunkards. Oh, let us all reform our lives and live as becomes dying creatures in time to come. Let us be persuaded

that we are accountable creatures to God, and must be called to an account in a few days. You that have been careless all your days, now awake to righteousness and be concerned for your poor and never-dying souls. Fight against all sins, and especially against the sin that easily besets you, and behave in time to come as becomes rational creatures, and above all things believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall have eternal life, and when you come to die your souls will be received into heaven, there to be with the Lord Jesus in eternal happiness with all the saints in glory, which God in his infinite mercy granted through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen."

At this time efforts were being made by one or more of the Mohegans to induce the members of the tribe to leave their present homes and accept the hospitality of the Mohawks, who had offered them a settlement on the unoccupied lands of the Six Nations. Occum sympathized with the movement, and did much to encourage it, but the principal agent in the undertaking was Joseph Johnson, whose education, as before stated, was received at the Rev. Mr. Wheelock's school, and who was afterwards sent as a schoolmaster to the Six Nations. In his efforts to induce his countrymen to move to other lands, several journeys had been made, and, having exhausted all his means, he applied for assistance to the governor and Assembly of Connecticut. By his earnest and affecting appeal, he obtained the sum of six pounds from the colony, and Governor Trumbull gave him a certificate of his good character, and the meritorious nature of his enterprise, to assist him in other places. In December, 1774, he presented his cause on an evening at the old Presbyterian church in New York, when a collection was taken up to aid him in his enterprise. He had formed a determination, if God should prosper him in his undertaking, to make his influence felt in the establishment of peace between the western tribes and his majesty's subjects, and to instruct them in the Christian religion. How many of his countrymen he induced to remove with him is unknown. A few, however, are known to have left their na-

tive land and to have taken up their abode among the New York Indians. He became a missionary among the Indians of the State of New York, and was living with them at the Six Nations at the opening of the revolutionary war. Washington, while at Cambridge, during the siege of Boston, wrote him a letter, dated the 20th of February, 1776, in which he said, "Tell the Indians that we do not want them to take up the hatchet for us unless they choose it, we only desire that they will not fight against us. We want that the chain of friendship should always remain bright between our friends, the Six Nations, and us. We recommend you to them, and hope by spreading the truths of the gospel among them it will always keep the chain bright."

Disagreements still continued among the Mohegans, partly concerning their government, and partly about their lands. Zachery Johnson, Simon Choychoy and a few other old councilors were determined upon taking the government of the tribe into their own hands. On the other hand, those Indians who adhered to the Mason family stubbornly refused to obey them. Another cause of difference also presented itself. A number of the Indians began to pay some attention to the cultivation of their lands, and to keep small stocks of sheep and cattle. These persons soon usurped a large part of the cleared lands, and as a matter of course those more idle and improvident became dissatisfied and made complaints about not receiving their proportion of the lands. Several tracts of the Mohegan lands had been leased to white farmers, and the overseers were puzzled as to how they should divide the rents. All these things served to create differences among the Mohegans, and the whole community was in a state of turmoil and confusion. The Assembly was often petitioned by the several parties to aid them in adjusting these difficulties. Committees were sent from time to time to assist them in removing the differences, and to promote peace and harmony among them. A code of directions were formed for the regulation of these

affairs. The overseers were instructed and empowered to prosecute trespasses upon the Indian lands, to summon the parties, give judgment and award damages. If any Indian wanted land for himself he was to apply to the overseer, who might set off for him a suitable tract to be improved for his personal benefit.

In August, 1782, a list of all the Indians belonging to the tribe of Mohegans was made out, and sent to the Assembly for the purpose of making a division of the tribe lands. The following was copied from the original paper on file in the office of the State Librarian at Hartford.

“ List of the Mohegan Indians, Aug. 5, 1782, viz :

Mercy Uncas, widow of ye late sachem

Esther Uncas, daughter to Abimileck, 87 years old

Zachery Johnson, Old Councillor

Martha Obed, his wife. No children

Lucy Dantaquechin, wife of Peter Trocomas, cast off

Eliphalet, about 6 years old	} Children of said Lucy
Cynthia, about 4 do	

Sarah Chawchoy, widow of Simon

Amey, about 30

Elizabeth, about 20	} Children of said Sarah
Simon, about 25	

Mercy Uncas, widow of Noah. Son of twin John

John, about 17

Noah, about 14

Amy, about 7

Esther, about 3

} Children of said Mercy by Noah

Hannah Uncas, widow of twin John, grandmother to ye above children

Sarah Mahomet, widow of him that died in England

Betty Uncas, widow of (Mason) John deceased

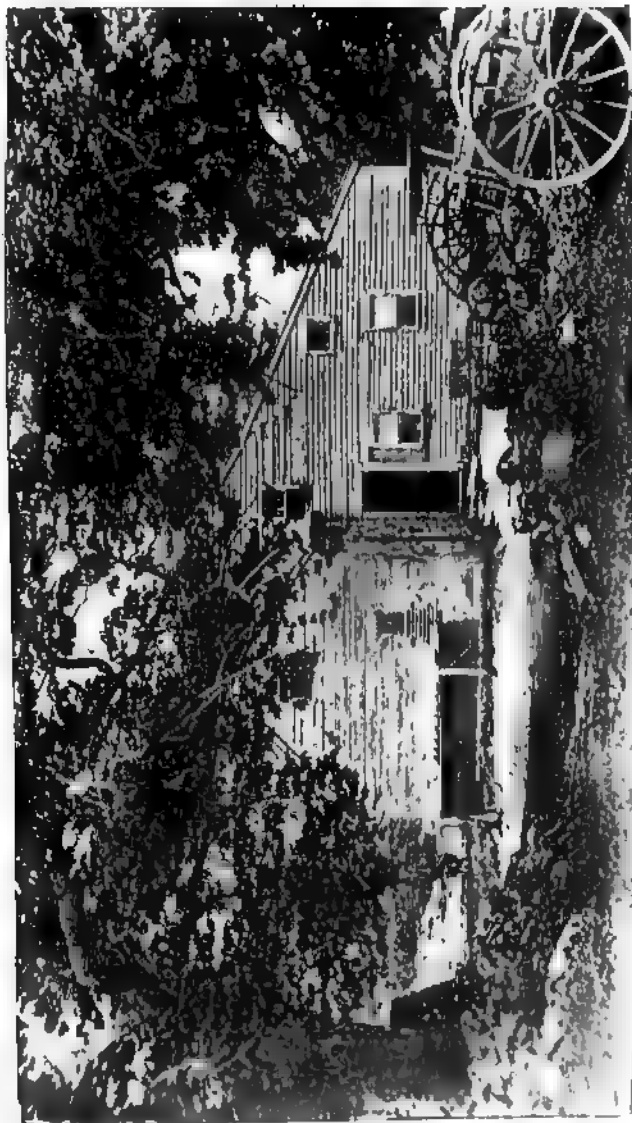
Anna Uncas, widow of Ben, son of (Mason) John, said Ben killed at New London, Sept. '81

Anna, about 18 mos. old, child of said widow Anna

Saml Uncas, son of said (Mason) John







CYNTHIA HOSCOTT HOUSE.

Elizabeth, his wife

Joshua, about 8 years

Eunice, about 9 do

George, about 8 do

Polly, about 10 mos.

} Children of said Saml and wife

John Dantaquegin

Lucy, his wife

Jerusha, about 20

David, about 18

Bartholomew, about 12

Parthenia, about 7

} Children of said John and Lucy

Esther Dantaquegin, mother of said John

Betty George, widow of Pompey

John George, son of said Betty in ye army

Lucy, about 11

Molly, about 10

Pompey, about 4

} Children of said Betty

Moses Mazzeen

Sarah, about 20

Hannah, about 19

Ezekiel, about 18, in the army

Thomas, about 9

} Children of said Moses

Sarah Occom, widow, mother of Sampson

Sampson Occom, minister

Mary, his wife

Benoni, about 19

Theodosia, about 18

Saml Fowler, about 12

Andrew Gifford, about 8

} Children of Sampson Occom

Jonathan Occom, brother of Sampson

Eunice Occom, widow of Joshua, deceased

Eunice, her daughter, about 17

Wm. Johnson, about 8

Jos. Johnson, about 6

{ Sons of Jos. Johnson deceased  
by Anna his wife, daughter of  
Sampson Occom, cast off for in-  
continency since a widow

Jacob Hoscott

Ann, his wife

Saml, about 15

Isaiah, about 9

Jacob, about 5

Josiah, about 1

} Children of said Jacob and Ann

Saml Johnson, in ye army

Patience Johnson

} Children of Will Johnson

Betty George, widow

Rachel Bobin, widow

Ann Bobin, alias Occom

Aaron Occom, son of said Ann

Abigail Cooper, widow of Daniel

Samuel Cooper

Betty, his wife

Mary, about 23

Joshua, about 18

Elisha, about 16

Jonah, about 11

Lucy, about 8

Lucretia, about 5

} Children of Samuel Cooper and wife

John Cooper

Esther, his wife

Jacob Cooper

John Cooper

} Sons of said John

Hannah, wife of ye last said John

David Cooper, child of ye last John, about 12 Mos. old

Solomon Cooper

Mary, his wife

Sally, about 11

Hannah, about 7

Abram, about 5

} Children of said Solomon

Hannah Cooper, old widow

Betty Pequin, widow

Lucy Wequot, old widow

Lucy Cooper, widow of Sam Jr.

Amy, about 4, child of said Lucy

Hannah Shantop, old widow

Hannah, her daughter

Jos. Shantop

Hannah, his wife

Martha, about 16

Joseph, about 13

Joshua, about 11

Henry, about 8

Moses, about 6

Lucy, about 3

Dan, about 2 mos.

} Children of said Joseph and Hannah

Rebecca Tanner, widow, lost her 5 sons in ye army

Sarah Ephraim, widow

Henry Quaquaquid

Lucy, his wife

Samuel Ashpo, lost his 3 sons in ye army

Hannah, his wife

Joshua Ashpo, son of Samuel Jr. deceased about 9

John Ashpo, son of Samuel

Ann, his wife

Moses, son of said John and Ann, about 2

Lydia Ashpo

Dolly Ashpo

} Children of John, deceased

Robert Ashpo

Betty, his wife

Hannah, about 13

Joel, about 11

} Children of said Robert and Betty

Joseph Ashpo

Jenny, his wife

Lucy

Mercy

Andrew

} Children of said Joseph and Jenny

Betty Silas, widow

Lydia Joquibe, old widow

Mary Jowon, old widow

Eliphalet Jowon

Esther, his wife

Jonas, about 18	}	Children of Eliphalet and Esther
Eliphalet, about 12		
Jacob, about 8		
Hezekiah, about 4		
Hannah Nannapoon, old widow		

The foregoing list made with the greatest percision we could obtain, By

August, 1782.	Joseph Spencer	}	<i>Committee</i>
	William Williams		
	Nath'l Wales		

In 1783 the overseers were empowered to divide all the unrented lands among the different families, and to forbid any stranger from settling upon the reservation without their consent. An order was also given that the old councilor, Zachery Johnson, and his wife, should be supplied as long as they lived with necessaries and comforts out of the avails of the lands. It was not until 1790 that the lands were by order of the legislature of the State of Connecticut surveyed and divided to each family, at which time a map was made, and each member of the tribe had his or her tract located and set off to them by "metes and Bounds." After the division of the land, many of the Indians were too indolent to make much use of their farms, and very little of the land was cultivated, except by the white tenants, until within the past twenty-five or thirty years. Old Zachery, the Regent of the Mohegans, as he was sometimes called, died about 1787, and by some was said to be one hundred years old, and by others only about eighty years. It is probable he did not know his own age.

During the revolution many of the Mohegans enlisted in the army of the Colonies, and seventeen or eighteen of them died in the service or were killed in battle, leaving several widows, some with young children. In May, 1789, some of the Mohegans presented to the legislature a remarkable memorial which should be preserved as a relic of history, and serves to show the condition of the tribe at the time of the in-

corporation of this town of Montville, so far as those who drew the paper were able to understand it. It is styled "A Memorial of the Mohegans by the hands of their brothers, Henry Quaquaquid and Robert Ashpo."

"We beg leave to lay our concerns and burdens at your excellencies feet. The times are exceedingly altered, yea, the times are upside down, or rather we have changed the good times chiefly by the help of the white people. For in times past our forefathers lived in peace, love, and great plenty. When they wanted meat, they would just run into the bush a little way, with their weapons, and would soon return, bringing home good venison, raccoon, bear, and fowl. If they chose to have fish, they would go to the river, or along the scashore, and they would presently fill their canoes with a variety of fish, both scaled and shell fish. And they had abundance of nuts, wild fruits, ground nuts, and ground beans, and they planted but little corn and beans. They had no contention about their lands for they lay in common, and they had but one large dish, and could all eat together in peace and love.

"But, alas ! It is not so now; all our hunting and fowling and fishing is entirely gone, and we have begun to work our lands, keep horses and cattle and hogs, and we build houses and fence in lots. And now we plainly see that one dish and one fire will not do any longer for us. Some few there are that are stronger than others, and they will keep off the poor, weak, the halt and blind, and will take the dish to themselves. Yea, they will rather call the white people and the mulattoes to eat out of our dish, and poor widows and orphans must be pushed aside, and there we must sit, crying and starving, and die. And so we are now come to our good brethren of the Assembly, with hearts full of sorrow and grief, for immediate help. And therefore our most humble and earnest request is, that our dish of suckutash may be equally divided amongst us, that every one may have his own little dish by himself,

that he may eat quietly, and do with his dish as he pleases, that every one may have his own fire."

A committee appointed to consider this curious and original memorial reported that the condition of affairs in Mohegan were in such order as to render further interference at that time unnecessary. In 1790, the time of the division of the Mohegan land, the tribe held about twenty-seven hundred acres of land, and numbered about one hundred and forty members. The only religious instructor among them at this time was one of their own members, John Cooper. He was considered by them to be the richest man of the Mohegans, being the possessor of two cows and a yoke of oxen. Two bearing the name of Uncas, John and Noah, were still living about 1800. A son of John, named Ben Uncas, was living about 1835; he lived at one time with Charles Hill. In the first part of the nineteenth century the members of the tribe would occasionally meet in council and discuss their affairs. After about 1800 little worthy of record took place for more than a quarter of a century. Small sales of land were occasionally authorized by the General Assembly, the whites being the purchasers of all such sales. Their territory continued slowly to contract until about 1860, when their land was re-surveyed and distributed among the several members of the tribe, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly passed at its May session of that year. The governor, William A. Buckingham, appointed Samuel Hebard, T. H. C. Kingsbury, and Henry P. Haven, commissioners to make the survey and re-distribution. The Fort Hill farm, so called, was still held as tribe property, and was subsequently sold by the direction of the commissioners at public sale to Theodore Raymond of Norwich, and the avails distributed among the living members of the tribe. At the time of the re-distribution of their land in 1860, only forty persons belonged to the tribe that were living to whom distribution was made, several of whom have since died, and their heirs now hold their possessions. Esther Cooper, who was a descendant in the fourth or fifth genera-

tion from the first Uncas, died on the 30th day of December, 1852, aged 79 years. Martha Uncas, who was also a descendant, died on the 8th day of October, 1859, aged 95 years. Most of the persons now living who are members of the tribe are of mixed blood, but claim the title to the land through their mothers and allowed to share in the distribution. The old Samson Occum house has been taken down, and nothing remains of it, but up to about 1880 it was occupied and owned by the descendants of the preacher, Jerome B. and Sally Bohemia. The religious interest of the tribe had become wholly neglected when about the year 1827 Miss Sarah L. Huntington of Norwich, afterwards the wife of Rev. Eli Smith of the American Syrian Mission, became deeply interested in the moral and intellectual condition of this then forlorn remnant of such an historic race. She put forth her hands to raise them from their depth of ignorance and degradation. This interest was shared by other females of similar spirit, Miss Sarah Breed of Norwich, afterwards the wife of President Allen of Bowdoin College, and Miss Elizabeth Raymond of Montville. From the untiring efforts of these Christian women, the Mohegans were lifted up and started again with greater success on the road leading to a higher state of morality and intelligence. A daily school was established in the farmhouse on the Fort Hill farm, which Miss Huntington and Miss Raymond taught by alternate weeks, both remaining at Mohegan on the Sabbath, and assisted each other in conducting the religious exercises of the day. These daily instructions continued until a chapel was secured, a religious teacher engaged, and a schoolhouse built. The Indians themselves manifested much enthusiasm in the means employed for the improvement of their condition.

The practical results of the labors of these Christian women here in the formation of a church and an ecclesiastical society, the erection of a church edifice, schoolhouse, and parsonage, are subjects which will be further considered in another chapter of this history.



## SASSACUS.

“ Shall no memorial in the land  
 Remain of Sassacus? Like sand  
 Beat by the sea, shall every trace  
 Of the Great Spirit of his race  
 Be swept away?

“ Once on yon mount\* the Pequot stood  
 And gazed o'er all the world of wood,  
 Eyed the blue sound, and scanned the bays,  
 Distinct in evening's mellow rays;  
 Like a green map lay all below,  
 With glittering veins where rivers flow,  
 The distance stretched in haze away,  
 As from his mount by Mystic bay,  
 Whence, as the calumet went round,  
 His eyes could measure all the sound;  
 Or, in the boundless ocean, find  
 Delight for his untutored mind.  
 Eastward he turns his glistening eye,  
 There where his throne, his people lie,  
 Lie prostrate — subjects, children, power,  
 All, all extinguished in an hour.

“ The heart-wrung savage turned aside,  
 But no tear stained a Pequot's pride;  
 The dark hand spread upon his breast,  
 Only the wampum grasped and pressed.  
 He turned — he stopped — took one last view,  
 And then, like Regulus, withdrew.  
 These mountains, rivers, woods, and plain,  
 Ne'er saw the Pequot King again;  
 Far in the region of the West  
 The Mohawk sent him to his rest.

(JAMES ABRAHAM) 'Hillhouse.'”

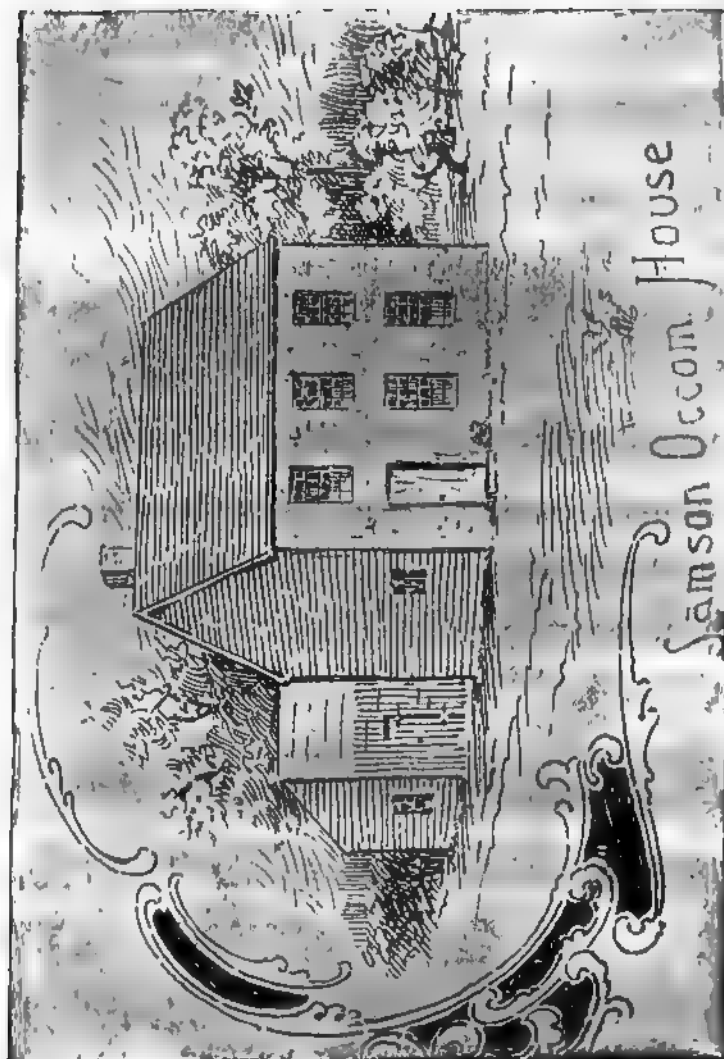
The Rev. Sampson Occum of the Mohegan nation was born a pagan. In 1741, when about 18, he became a Christian, and soon after applied to the Rev. Mr. Wheelock, who willingly received him as a pupil at the Indian Charity School in Lebanon, where he remained about three years.

He afterwards studied theology, was licensed by the Association of Windham County, and in 1759 was ordained by the Suffolk Presbytery at Long Island, and placed over the Indians at Montauk.

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\* Groton Heights.





In 1761 he left Long Island, and went as a missionary to the Oneidas, laboring there about five years with considerable success. He then left the mission for a season, and with Rev. Nathaniel Whitaker, pastor of the Second Church in Norwich, made a voyage to England, to solicit funds for the Indian school. They were highly recommended by many of the most respectable persons in America, and were cordially received. Mr. Occum, being the first Indian minister who had been welcomed to England, attracted great attention in the principal cities of England and Scotland, and preached with great acceptance to numerous audiences of different denominations.

The enterprise met with great favor from the Rev. Mr. Whitfield, who had visited the school at Lebanon. He showed great kindness to Mr. Occum, invited him to his pulpit, and introduced him to a distinguished individual, whom he styled "the Daniel of the age, the truly noble Lord Dartmouth."

At the solicitation of the Earl of Dartmouth, the King made a donation of about \$1,000, and in a short time there was collected in England and Scotland about \$50,000 for the support and enlargement of the Indian school.

The success of the mission was in a great measure attributed to Mr. Occum. The funds thus collected were employed in founding Dartmouth College, called after the name of the Earl of Dartmouth.

Several Indians, educated as teachers, were sent from this school to the Oneidas, among whom we find the names of David Fowler, a Montauk; Joseph Woolley and Hezekiah Calvin, Delawares; Moses Peters, Johanna Abraham, primus, and Abraham, 2d, Mohawks; and Jacob Fowler a Montauk. Brandt was also a pupil.

On his return from Europe, Mr. Occum resumed his missionary labors, and with a portion of the Mohegans under his care he removed from the vicinity of Mohegan to the Oneida country, where he settled at a place called Brothertown, and where he died in July, 1792, aged about 69 years.

The father of Samson Occum was a Mohegan, and his mother was a Groton Indian. Her name was Sarah, and who is said to have been a descendant of Uncas, which may have been true. She was probably of the Samson family, which led her to so name her son. Samson Occum, at the age of 18 years, married Mary Fowler, whose parents belonged to the Montauk tribe on Long Island. David and Jacob Fowler were her brothers; the former was born in 1735 and the latter was probably younger. Joseph Johnson, another young Mohegan, who married Occum's daughter, Tabitha, was also a religious teacher, and with the others previously named, became the projectors of the removal to Brothertown and thereby carried the gospel and civilization to the Oneida Indians of New York.

During the Revolutionary War, Occum, the Fowlers, and Joseph Johnson were the Indian heroes of New England. The first emigration of the Mohegans to the lands given by the Oneidas for a settlement was in 1784, although some few families had gone there earlier. The emigrants who started for the Oneida country on May 8, 1784, included twenty families, and among them were Jacob Fowler and Occum's son-in-law, Anthony Paul. Occum himself conceived the plan to remove to New York and establish in the Oneida country a town governed after the Connecticut model, the townsmen wholly Indians, given to agriculture, who would be a means of Christianizing and civilizing the savages about them. Arrangements were made by which the Oneidas were to give them lands ten miles square. On the 8th of July, 1774, Samson Occum and David Fowler received the lands, settled the boundaries, and took a deed of gift. The Revolutionary War began about this time, and prevented an immediate carrying out of their plan, and it was not until about ten years after that the general move was made.

David Fowler built the first house in the township. On the 7th day of November, 1785, Occum's company met at the house of David Fowler to organize a government. The

town was named Brothertown. Jacob Fowler was chosen clerk. Roger Wanby, David Fowler, Elijah Wampy, John Fuhy, and Abraham Simon were chosen trustees for a year, a new board to be chosen annually. This was the beginning of a township formed by the members of the Mohegan tribe and other tribes from Connecticut and Long Island, which continued for many years. The white settlers, however, began encroachments upon their lands, treaties formed by which certain portions of their lands were given up, until at last the whole was absorbed by the whites, and the Indians removed to a place in Wisconsin, which they called Brothertown, after the name of the town where the first settlement was made, in the State of New York, and where some of the Mohegan descendants still reside.

### CHAPTER III.

The town of Montville is situated on the west side of the Thames river, about half way between the cities of New London and Norwich. Its present area is about forty square miles, and contains twenty-five thousand acres. It was formerly a part of the township of New London, and called the North Parish of New London. Its early history is indissolubly connected with that of New London and Norwich, and other towns adjoining. Within the boundaries of this town was the central seat of the famous tribe of Indians called the Mohegans, whose history has been closely identified with that of the State of Connecticut. Uncas, the Grand Sachem of the tribe, being a friend to the English, received at their hands protection from his enemies, and often when in extreme peril from the hostile advancements made upon him by other tribes, the English rendered him timely assistance. Uncas was always generous to those who befriended him and his warriors, and easily persuaded to confer liberal gifts of his lands as a remuneration for friendship.

This tract of land now constituting the town of Montville was, at the earliest notice of its history, in the possession of the Pequots, of which tribe the Mohegans were a fragment, and occupied by them as their planting and hunting grounds. A remnant of the Mohegans still continue to possess and improve a portion of the land sequestered to them by the early English settlers, not, however, as wards under the guardianship of the state, but as actual owners of the soil with the privilege of citizens of the state and of the United States. Their advance in civilization and morals had been identical with that of the growth and prosperity of the town; the Indian having exchanged his lands for civilization and Christianity.

It is not strange that a place possessed of such natural advantages, when once known to the English, should have been highly prized by them, or that when obtained from the native owners it should be quickly settled, or, since its settlement, it should have grown and prospered so extensively. It has never known any serious decline, either in numbers or property, and though at times laboring under disadvantages from various sources, it has generally been upon the advance. The spirit of enterprise, it is true, has shifted from one part of the town to another, and from one source of industry to another, but it has never left its precincts or ceased to advance. Many individuals whose names are inscribed upon the rolls of fame and honor have emanated from this community. The records, both of church and state, contain many an honored name whose possessor had his or her origin on this soil. The names of Hillhouse, Raymond, Chester, Otis, and many others, are such as the historian has delighted to honor. In the year 1646, John Winthrop, Jr., and some others from Boston, Massachusetts, commenced to lay out and settle a plantation in the Pequot country, which was afterwards called New London. Winthrop, before laying out the plantation, called all the neighboring Indians together in order to ascertain the legitimate bounds occupied by the Pequot tribe, that no encroachment might be made on the rights of the Mohegans. Uncas at that time made no claim to any land east of the Thames (Pequot) river, nor on the west side any farther south than Cochiknack (now Oxoboxo) or Saw Mill Brook and the cove into which it flowed. This brook (now Oxoboxo) was therefore established as the northern boundary of the New London plantation by an agreement with Uncas, sachem of the Mohegans. The early history of this part of New London, called the North Parish of New London, runs through a maze of perplexity and confusion. Many of the finest tracts in the district which had been early obtained of the natives, or by grants of the town for speculation or settlement, passed from one possessor to another with great rapidity. A com-



bination of influences served to facilitate the speedy transfer of claims. The first grants of lands within the Mohegan reservation was made by Uncas in 1658 to Richard Houghton and James Rogers, and consisted of valuable farms on the river at places called Massapeag and Pamechaug. The former place was situated on the north of a cove, now called "Houghtons'," and the latter was situated at a place farther up the river, called the "Point," near Massapeag station.

The then existing laws of the colony prohibited individuals from contracting with the Indians for land, yet many, from the spirit of avarice or from the desire to obtain places for permanent settlements on particularly cleared and cultivated land, sought by various means to get possession of the lands. The result was that many Indian grants were made, some were gifts of friendship or in requital of favors bestowed, some were obtained by fair and honest trade, while others were openly fraudulent or from administering to the vicious thirsts of the Indian, degrading him below his native barbarism. The first actual settler on the Indian lands was Samuel Rogers, the oldest son of James, then living at New London. Samuel Rogers is supposed to have moved here in 1670. He had for several years been on intimate terms with Uncas, who had anxiously solicited him to settle in his neighborhood. Uncas gave him a valuable tract of land on the north side of Saw Mill (Oxoboxo) Brook, a portion of which land is now in possession of his descendants, promising Rogers in case of any emergency he would hasten with all his warriors to his assistance. On this tract Rogers built his house of hewn logs, surrounded it with a strong wall, and mounted a big gun in front.

Uncas would often visit Rogers in his retired abode in the midst of the wilderness, it being about four miles from the Indian settlement on the banks of the Thames. There they would together smoke the pipe and "take a social glass." Here Samuel Rogers reared a family of six children, three sons and three daughters, being the first white children born

within the present bounds of Montville. On one occasion, when prepared for the experiment, tradition says, Rogers fired the signal of alarm, which was two reports in succession, which had been agreed upon with his tawny friend in case either should be disturbed by an enemy, and in half an hour's time, grim bands of warriors were seen on the hill overlooking the "Block house," who soon came rushing down with the sachem at their head to the rescue of their white friend.

Rogers had prepared a feast for their entertainment, having killed a beef and roasted it for the occasion. It is probable that they relished the trick nearly as much as the banquet; they seeming always delighted with contrivance and stratagem. Samuel Rogers' house stood about three-quarters of a mile south of the Congregational meeting-house, on a plain of land now owned by Albert A. Rogers. A short distance east of where the house stood is the burying ground of the Rogers families and near relations; nearly one hundred graves cover the spot. Samuel Rogers afterwards became a large landholder in the reservation. He had grants of land, not only from Uncas, but from his sons, Owaneco and Josiah, in recompense for services rendered to them and their tribes. Gifts of land were also bestowed on his son Jonathan and his daughter Sarah, wife of James Harris, who also settled here. A deed, of date 1698, from Owaneco to Jonathan Rogers, cripple son of Samuel, conveying to him a tract of land in consideration of his lameness, and the continued kindness of his parents shown to Owaneco and his children. The land was "bounded on other land of Samuel Rogers, and on the Hartford path, and the brook that cometh out of the pond called Obsopogsant." Another tract of land was also about this time bestowed upon Jonathan, lying southeast of the pond called the "little pond."

In 1698, Samuel Rogers gave a tract of land to his "loving daughter, Mary Gilbert, wife of Samuel Gilbert of Hartford," consisting of "two parcels west or southwest of certain planting fields usually called or known by the name of Moheag, in

the township of New London, and northerly of my dwelling house, containing one hundred and fifty acres, bounded by the four corners of trees marked M. G., the northerly side being one hundred and seventy-two rods, the southerly side one hundred and seventy-two rods, the westerly side one hundred and fifty rods, and the easterly side one hundred and ten rods. Also one other piece containing ten acres, and lying westward of my dwelling, and about southwest from a certain house which Samuel Gilbert built upon the aforesaid tract of land, and is distant about sixty or eighty poles, it being meadow and swamp land."

The General Court, sitting at Hartford in October, 1698, granted to their honored Governor, Fitz John Winthrop, and the Rev. Gurdon Saltonstall, who had preached the election sermon, conjointly a tract four hundred acres of land, "to be taken up where it may not prejudice any former grant to any township or particular person." This land was surveyed and laid out by John Prentis, Surveyor, on the 20th day of February, 1698-9. It was bounded and described as follows: "The north bound is a line running from a pine tree by the side of a pond, above Samuel Rogers' farm, commonly called Twenty-mile Pond (Gardner's Lake), standing on the east side of said pond due east two hundred and forty rods to a great white oak marked N. E., which oak is on the top of a long fair plain hill, and in fair sight of a hollow where there is a small swamp on the east of it; from thence in a line which runs due south to a young chestnut tree on the east side of the little pond (Oxoboxo), which tree stands within a rod of said pond, under a clift of rocks, and is marked for a southeast corner; and from thence in a line which runs due west two hundred and forty rods to a large fair spreading white oak upon the brow of a hill, with a plain on the top of it, which oak (Governor's Tree) is within ten rods of a fresh meadow with high rocks, three or four in the middle of it, and bearing from the said tree about N. N. W., which tree is marked for the south corner; and from thence in a line running north

by the west side of a small island in the aforesaid great pond, and on the north to the aforementioned pine tree on the east side of the said great pond, marked for the northwest corner, containing four hundred acres, more or less."

The grant was the cause of a long and bitter controversy. The Masons, guardians of the Mohegans, raised an outcry against it, the neighboring colonies caught it up, and the reverberation was loud in England when the throne was led to believe that great wrong had been done the Indians by giving away their lands. It was, however, settled and the proprietors held the possession. After the death of Winthrop and Saltonstall, the land was distributed among their respective heirs. John Prentis and John Hough were a committee appointed by the General Court in 1703 to survey and lay out a tract of land consisting of eighty acres to the heirs of John Plumb. Their report was as follows: "Beginning at a great white oak tree on a hill, which tree is the Governor's and Mr. Saltonstall's northeast corner, marked W. S. P., running south one hundred and sixty rods by marked trees to a white oak tree near a long valley, which tree is the southwest corner; thence east by marked trees eighty rods to a black oak tree by a ledge of rocks on the side of a hill marked on four sides and P. R., which is the southeast corner; thence north one hundred and sixty rods to a small walnut tree in a ridge of rocks by a gutter, marked on four sides and P. R.; thence west to the first bound lying east of the great pond, about three-quarters of a mile and bounded west with the Governor's and Mr. Saltonstall's land, east with Samuel Rogers' land and north and south with the common land."

About the same time a county grant was made to Caleb Watson of Hartford of two hundred acres. This grant was surveyed and laid out by John Prentis, John Hough, and John Plumb, Jr., and was described as follows: "Beginning at the south side of the little pond (Oxoboxo) running west about forty rods to Captain Wetherall's corner, then south one hundred and twenty rods to a rock which is Atwell's corner, then

east southerly two hundred and forty rods to a chestnut tree marked on four sides, standing by the road between Norwich and Lyme; then northeast to a brook that comes out of the little pond aforesaid, and then on to the said pond and the first bound. Bounded south by Richard Manwarring, west by Capt. Wetherall, south by Atwell's land and William Dodge's land, and east with the brook that comes out of the little pond."

In May, 1703, that part of New London which was afterwards called the North Parish, was added to the township of New London by a grant of the General Court. This tract of land was described in the application for the grant as "being a small tract of land lying on the west side of the Great River (Thames) in the town of New London, and lying between the north bounds of the town and the northeast bounds of the town of Lyme, and by a straight line from the northeast corner of Lyme bounds to the southwest corner of Norwich south bounds, as the bounds of Norwich run down to the Great River." This grant provided "that any proprietors of lands, whether English or Indians, within the tract so added, who held legal titles to the same, should have their lands reserved and saved to the respective possessors.

Joshua Raymond, who married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Nehemiah Smith, was probably the second person who became an actual settler on the reservation. He was one of the committee that laid out the road between Norwich and New London, leading through the Mohegan fields, and for this service received a small tract of land on the route, to which other lands were added by purchase from time to time. On this land he built a house which stood for many years. Mr. Raymond's farm was situated near the head of Houghton's Cove. The house stood on a commanding site on the west side of the road leading from New London to Norwich, and was in the possession of the family one hundred and seventy-five years. It was purchased of George Raymond, of the fifth generation, in 1841, by Captain William Fitch, who took

down the ancient house, and erected a new one on the same commanding site. Many of the descendants of Joshua Raymond, the probable second actual settler in this town, have been among its most active and influential citizens, holding important trusts in both church and state. Among the earliest grantees under the Indian deeds were Charles Hill, Samuel Chester, George Tongue, and Daniel Fitch. Charles Hill's tract of several hundred acres was conveyed to him by Uncas in 1678, in exchange for "Betty," an Indian woman, taken captive in Philip's war and given to Captain James Avery, who sold her to Charles Hill. A short time previous to the death of Joshua Raymond, he had bargained a tract of land to Oliver Manwaring, his brother-in-law. A deed, which the widow had executed conveying the land after her husband's death, was questioned as to its validity, and in October, 1704, Manwaring petitioned the General Court to grant liberty to, and empower Elizabeth Dennis (Raymond), the relict of Joshua Raymond, to execute a deed of conveyance to all the lands agreed upon by her former husband, Joshua Raymond, in his lifetime. The petition was granted, and a deed executed, conveying the land bargained to Oliver Manwaring.

Samuel Chester owned a large tract of land in the northwest part of the town, a portion of which is now in the town of Salem. This tract, containing several thousand acres, was conveyed to him by Uncas, June 13, 1683. From him the name "Chesterfield" is supposed to be derived.

Richard Poole also owned land along the ridge north of Saw Mill Brook (Oxoboxo) and from his name is supposed to be derived that of Pools or "Poles Hill." This tract was afterwards inherited by the Baker and Wickwire families.

In the year 1705, while the Queen's Court of Commissioners was convened at Stonington, Captain John Prentis testified before that court that he had surveyed and returned about three thousand acres between the town of New London, as the line formerly run, and the town of Norwich to nineteen

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different persons. It was also stated that the following persons had actually settled on the Indian fields, viz.: Samuel Rogers, Sr., Samuel Rogers, Jr., Benjamin Atwell, Israel Dodge, George Le Fevre, Samuel Gilbert, James Harris, Thomas Jones, Sr., Thomas Jones, Jr., William Mynard, and George Tongue. Others who had lands laid out to them were Governor Winthrop, the Rev. Gurdon Saltonstall, Daniel Wetherall, John Plumb, Caleb Watson, George Denison, Charles and Jonathan Hill. January 11, 1709-10, Owaneco, then sachem of the Mohegans, signed a deed conveying five hundred acres of land to Robert Denison of Stonington for the consideration of twenty pounds, part in silver money and the remainder in goods at money price. The land commonly known by the name of the Indians or sequestered lands lying between the ancient lines of the towns of New London and Norwich, on the west side of the Pequot (Thames) river, and being a part of the North Parish of New London, was in the year 1710 by consent of Owaneco and his council divided into two parts. The eastern part, bordering on the river, was put in trust for the Indians by a deed of feoffment in favor of the Hon. Gurdon Saltonstall, Captain John Mason, Major John Livingston, Captain Samuel Fitch, and Captain John Stanton, which tract was forever settled upon the Mohegan tribe of Indians, "so long as there shall be any Mohegan found or known of alive in the world;" excepting, however, out of the tract described "some small parcels in the possession of former purchasers," which parcels were confirmed to them. The western part, which was divided from the eastern by a line running north and south, these "famously known" was conveyed by a general deed, signed by Owaneco, Ben Uncas, Cesar, and several councilors and chiefs of the tribe to Major John Livingston, Lieutenant Robert Denison, Samuel Rogers, Jr., and James Harris; excepting, however, out of the tract thereby conveyed all former grants by the General Court and by the Indians to persons then in possession of them. The price paid by the grantees for this large



tract of several thousand acres was only fifty pounds. The division of the land was to be in the proportion of two-fifths to Livingston and one-fifth to each of the others. Livingston afterwards purchased the share of Rogers, which made him the holder of three-fifths.

“These proceedings,” says Miss Caulkins, “gave great uneasiness to the inhabitants of New London, who regarded the Indian land granted to them by the act of addition to the township in May, 1703, and expressly guaranteed by their patent. A town meeting was held July 17, 1710, and a committee appointed to prosecute Colonel Livingston and his associates before the General Court for a breach of law. This was the beginning of a struggle for possession which continued many years. The North Parish was in an unsettled and disorderly state; no man felt secure of his title.”

It was not until about the year 1721, that the land matters became tranquil in the North Parish. The General Court refused to confirm the acts of the town, and consequently all acts of the town and grants made by the same were void. In October, 1720, the General Assembly appointed James Wadsworth, John Hooker, and John Hall a committee to settle the difficulties relating to land titles, and also to provide for the settlement of a gospel minister in the North Parish. Messrs. Wadsworth and Hall accordingly met at the house of Joseph Bradford, who then lived on the farm now owned by John Randolph Rogers' heirs, and there held a Commissioners Court, with power to hear and decide all disputes respecting claims to land in the Mohegan territory. This court proved to be one of pacification; almost every claimant was quieted in his possession, the deed of trust was confirmed, and the reversion of the sequestered land, when the tribe should become extinct, settled upon New London. All the General Court grants were ratified, the farms of Winthrop and Saltonstall, six hundred acres to the New London schools, two hundred acres to Caleb Watson, the purchase of Livingston and his associates; excepting, however, five hun-



dred acres, to be taken out and secured to the use of the ministry, and in general all Indian contracts previous to 1710. In May, 1721, the committee reported their doings to the General Assembly, and was by it confirmed.

The tract reserved for the ministry in the North Parish was left undetermined by the committee. The inhabitants could not by any means hitherto used be led to agree where the meeting-house should be built, and it was desirable to lay out a farm for the minister as near to the meeting-house as practicable. This matter of locating the spot for the erection of the meeting-house was therefore left unsettled, and at the request of the inhabitants, referred to the General Assembly.

That tract of land purchased of Owaneco in 1710 by Colonel John Livingston, Major Robert Denison, Samuel Rogers, Jr., and James Harris was in 1713 surveyed by John Plumb and laid out in divisions, and subdivided into lots. These divisions and the lots were as follows, viz.: "The first division lots, which lies on the north side of Stony Brook, are bounded southerly on said brook, northerly on Norwich south line, easterly on land belonging to John Plumb, and on land said to belong to the estate of Ralph Parker, deceased, and by Trading Cove Brook, and westerly by the land secured to the Mohegan Indians by feofees in trust and extending west by land of Governor Winthrop's estate and Governor Saltonstall." The whole tract of the first division contained about twenty-nine hundred acres, and was subdivided into five lots of from five hundred to six hundred acres each. "The first lot begins by the north side of Stony Brook at a tree marked at the westerly end of land belonging to John Plumb, and from thence runs west by north up the brook, two hundred and twenty-eight rods, to a black oak tree marked on four sides, thus — standing by the side of Stony Brook; thence north by marked trees to the Norwich line, which line is about east with said Plumb land, and runs to the said north and south lines secured by feofees in trust. The second lot begins at the aforesaid black oak tree, thence to and up the said

Stony Brook, west by north two hundred and thirty rods to a large ash tree by said brook, marked on four sides and on the east side thus =, thence north by marked trees to Norwich south line; bounded west by the third lot and east by the first lot. The third lot begins at the aforesaid ash tree and thence running northerly by the aforesaid Stony Brook two hundred and six rods to a large, gray oak tree, marked on four sides, and on the east side thus ≡, thence north by marked trees to Norwich south line; bounded west by the fourth lot and east by the second lot. The fourth lot begins at the aforesaid gray oak tree by the brook, thence running west by north with the aforesaid Stony Brook, one hundred and ninety-seven rods to a white oak tree, standing by said Stony Brook, marked on four sides thus ≡≡≡, thence north by marked trees to Norwich south line; bounded east by the third lot, and west by the fifth lot, and in the center running over the tract of land which John Plumb purchased of Owaneco. The fifth lot and last runs from the aforesaid white oak tree westerly across the swamp ninety-six rods to a walnut tree standing on the south side of the swamp, marked, which tree is the northwest corner of land belonging to James Harris, Jr., thence north running to Norwich line, running between land belonging to John Winthrop, Esq., deceased, and Gurdon Saltonstall, Esq., on the west side near to Norwich line, running a portion of the way by land of John Plumb. This fifth lot includes all the land that lies west of the north line and to Norwich line, it being a tract that runs toward the great pond and belongs to this lot and contains about one hundred acres, which lies in the second division, on the south side of the aforesaid Stony Brook, and is in the fifth lot of said second division. The second division lots, which abutt northerly on said Stony Brook and running from said brook southwest, abutting on a line that runs in a swamp and brook from land of Joshua Baker, Jr., by land of Daniel Rogers northwest with the brook, so far as the brook runs northwest; thence northwest leaving the

brook, until it comes to land laid out to several persons. This division is divided into lots of about three-quarters of a mile in length, as follows: The first lot begins at the southeasterly side of land belonging to Jonathan Hill at a tree marked on four sides, standing on the line of the west side of the Mohegan land secured by feofees in trust; thence running south on the said lines to a swamp a little north of the house of Joshua Baker, Jr., at a maple tree, marked, which is the east side of this lot and abutts on the aforesaid land of Jonathan Hill. The width of this lot adjoining Mr. Hill's land is one hundred rods, and is somewhat shorter than the rest of the lots by reason of said Hill's land running in upon it. At the northwest corner of this lot is a marked tree by said Hill's land, and this line runs by marks nearly southwest to the brook or swamp; the southeast is bounded by the brook to the aforesaid swamp, which brook runs nearly northwest and southeast. This lot is in an angular shape. The second lot adjoins the first lot on the northwest side and is one hundred rods in width, from the northwest corner of the said first lot to the northwest corner of the second lot, at an oak tree marked on four sides, and from said oak tree running southwest to the brook over the hill; thence southeast with the brook to the said first lot, bounded north with Jonathan Hill's land. The third lot adjoins the south side of Stony Brook, for the reason that it lies west of Jonathan Hill's land and is somewhat longer than the first two lots, except the east side abutts partly on Jonathan Hill's land. The northwest corner is at a white oak tree by the aforesaid Stony Brook marked thus  $\equiv$ , being in width by said brook eighty-five rods; thence southwest over the hill, and abutts southerly on a triangular piece of land that adjoins on land of Major John Merritt, which triangular piece is not yet divided. The fourth lot begins at the aforesaid white oak tree marked  $\equiv$ , and runs by the brook nearly one hundred and sixteen rods to a chestnut tree by the brook marked  $\equiv$ , thence running southwest over the hill to the aforesaid line one hundred and ten rods, running northwest and southeast

adjoining said triangular piece. The fifth lot begins at the aforesaid chestnut tree, thence running westerly by the brook, one hundred and forty-four rods to a large black oak tree by the side of a swamp at the brook marked, and on the east side, **V**, thence running up a hill southwest to other land laid out. This last lot adjoins easterly on the fifth lot of the first division and runs westerly with land of Phillip Malworth, about two hundred and forty rods, abutting northerly on Stony Brook and southerly on other lands formerly laid out. This lot belongs to Samuel Rogers, Jr., and is to be included with the fifth lot of the first division."

JOHN PLUMB, Surveyor.

New London, June 12, 1713.

Mr. John Vibber was one of the early settlers in North Parish and owned large tracts of land in various localities in the parish. He was one of the many land speculators that in those early times made it their special business to trade in land. On the 17th day of January, 1716-17, John Vibber conveyed by deed a small tract of land containing fifty acres to Colonel John Livingston, the same having been conveyed to John Vibber by Samuel Comstock in 1713. This land was situated on the Saw Mill Brook Cove "commencing at Cold Spring, thence by and adjoining the road from Norwich to New London until it comes to a white oak stump upon a knoll by the said road; thence a west line to the common land; thence beginning at the first bound, viz.: the north bound and from the said road to run due west to common land, together with the right of dower of his wife, Johanna Vibber." The 27th day of February, 1740-1, George Hill and John Vibber exchanged farms, George Hill conveying the farm on which he then lived to John Vibber in the following manner: To all People to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye that I, George Hill, of the Town of New London, in New London County and State of Connecticut, for the consideration of four hundred pounds, and also

a certain tract of land with the appurtenances thereof which I have received of and from my father-in-law, Mr. John Vibber, of said New London, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said John Vibber, all that my farm or tract of land where I now dwell, with the buildings and fences thereon, containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres. Beginning at the southwest corner of Abraham Avery's farm on Fort Hill in Mohegan at the brook, and thence west to a rock and stone on it, being the ancient bounds of said farm, and thence northerly about two hundred rods to a forked red oak, marked C. H., the ancient northwest corner of said farm, and thence east to the northwest corner of land that was set out by my sister, Jane Avery, and thence east with the aforesaid land and land I sold to my brother-in-law, Abraham Avery, to the first bound, the same being bounded by marked trees and the brook."

[Seal.]

GEORGE HILL.

"To all People to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye that I, John Vibber, of the Town of New London, in the County of New London and State of Connecticut, for the consideration of one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land received of and from George Hill, and which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said George Hill a certain tract of land in North Parish of New London, where I now dwell, containing by estimation one hundred and seven acres, be the same more or less, with the house, barn, orchards, fences and appurtenances belonging to the same, bounded as follows: Beginning at the northerly corner at a stake and stone, which is the corner bounds of my son, John Vibber Jr.'s land, and joining unto the land of Peter Wickwire, and from thence easterly on said Wickwire's land, two hundred and thirty-eight rods to a walnut staddle and stones at Ebenezer Williams' fence; thence southerly on said Williams' land about twenty-four rods to a crooked white oak tree in Jason Allen's line and fence; thence

westerly two hundred and forty rods to the southerly corner of John Vibber, Jr.'s land at the fence; thence on land of said John Vibber, Jr. to the first bound. Also the easterly half I have on the hill called "Poles Hill," containing twenty-eight acres; the other half belonging to my son John Vibber, Jr."

[Seal.]

JOHN VIBBER.

Mrs. Mercy Raymond, on the 24th day of June, 1725, executed a deed of gift to her son, Joshua Raymond, to all the land she held in her own right, situated on Block Island, lying at a place commonly called the great pasture in the neck, and commonly called the "Corn Neck," on the east end of said island, and is on the west side of the path that leads to Sawco, and all her other land on said island howsoever bounded or reputed to be bounded, excepting only about five acres of land, called the Quaker lot, and her right at a place called Charlestown on said island.

In the year 1710, James Harris and Sarah, his wife, conveyed by deed to John Merritt and Mercy Raymond, a tract of land a little west of the Mohegan fields, beginning west twelve rods from the southerly corner of the Gilbert land which Samuel Rogers gave to his daughter, Mary Gilbert, at a walnut tree; thence northwest three hundred and forty-four rods to a tree near the side of a hill on the west side of the head of a swamp; thence northeasterly one hundred and four rods; thence southeast three hundred and forty rods; thence southwest to the point of beginning. (This last line being on the westerly side of the Gilbert farm, now owned by David A. Johnson, Jr.) Also one other piece of land containing one hundred acres on Saw Mill Brook, westerly of the house of Samuel Rogers, lying between said house and the Widow Miner's.

In the year 1710, Samuel Gilbert and his wife Mary Gilbert and Nathaniel Gilbert, their son, conveyed by deed to John Merritt and Mercy Raymond the farm on which they

lived, and which was conveyed to Mary Gilbert by her father, Samuel Rogers, situated northwest of Samuel Rogers' dwelling-house.

The same year Owaneco conveyed to Robert Denison, Samuel Rogers, James Harris, and John Livingston, a large tract of land described as south from the northwest corner tree to white rock in the great river (Thames), bounded on the east by the footpath or highway as it now runs from New London to Norwich.

In the year 1711, James Harris conveyed his interest in the land conveyed by Owaneco to himself and others in 1710, to Mercy Raymond of Fisher's Island and Major John Merritt of New London.

The following is the singular deed from Major John Merritt to James Harris, given in the year 1726: "Know all men by these presents, that I, John Merritt, of New London, in New London County, for and in consideration of five thousand pounds money to me in hand paid, or secured to be paid, by James Harris of Colchester in Hartford County, the receipt whereof I do acknowledge, etc., I have therefore given and granted, and do by these presents give, grant, sell, convey and confirm to the said James Harris, his heirs and assigns forever, all my lands, tenements and hereditaments within the towns of New London and Norwich in the County of New London aforesaid; as also all my lands, tenements and hereditaments in the town of Colchester aforesaid; all such lands, tenements, etc., being in partnership or joint tenancy, together and undivided betwixt me and Mrs. Mercy Raymond of New London, in the county of New London aforesaid, in such sort as that to me and to my heirs and assigns forever belongs.

"To have and to hold the one-half of all the lands, tenements and hereditaments hereinbefore named and described, viz: One farm at Massapeag in the town of New London aforesaid, containing by estimation four hundred acres, more or less, with all the buildings and appurtenances as the said farm is butted and bounded in a deed of sale thereof from

Lieutenant Colonel John Livingston, late of New London, deceased, to me and the aforesaid Mercy Raymond in joint tenancy as aforesaid, which deed is entered at large in the town records of New London aforesaid.

“ Also the Great Farm on which I and the said Mercy Raymond now dwell, excepting two acres thereof on which stands the meeting-house, containing by estimation about eighteen hundred acres, more or less, with all the parts, members, privileges, buildings of all sorts, with all other the appurtenances thereof, which farm lyeth on both sides of a highway which runs through it from the westerly to the easterly end of it, and from thence passes down to the cove by Samson Haughton’s dwelling house, which farm I and the said Mercy Raymond bought and purchased together in joint tenancy of sundry persons at divers times by sundry deeds of sale, well executed, and now all upon record in New London aforesaid, by which deeds the estate abutments and quantity of said farm may fully appear, which purchases were made of Samuel Gilbert, Robert Denison, Samuel Young, Joseph Bradford, Sarah Knight, the heirs of Governor Saltonstall, James Harris, Jonathan Rogers and Jonathan Williams as by their deeds aforesaid appears. As also one farm lying near the line betwixt Colchester and Norwich, and which of the two towns it is is a question now depending in the law to be determined. Such farm I and the said Mercy Raymond bought in joint tenancy of Peter Mason and Samuel Mason, the exact bounds and quantity of it will fully appear by their deeds thereof well executed and now on record at New London aforesaid, with all other my lands aforesaid. Including all Indian purchases, court grants, with all other my rights, claims and interest of, in and unto any lands within all or any of the three towns aforesaid. I say to him, the said James Harris, his heirs and assigns.

“ To have and to hold to his and their only proper use and benefit the one-half of all and singular the lands, tenements, and hereditaments above mentioned as they are abutted and



bounded, extended, limited, and described by the deeds on record above referred to. Moreover, I give and grant for the consideration aforesaid to the said James Harris, his heirs and assigns forever, my negro man, called Cesar, my negro boy, called Joe, alias Joseph, my negro woman, called Rose, my negro man, Samson, my negro man, called Bussoe, my negro man called Sharper, my negro woman called Sylvia and her child called \_\_\_\_\_, my negro boy called Harrie, my negro boy called Peleg, my negro boy called Andrew. Moreover, I give and grant to the said James Harris and his heirs forever, for the consideration aforesaid, all my stock of neat cattle, with all my stock of horse kind, of goats, of sheep, and of swine, and of all and singular the whole of the above-mentioned Mercy Raymond, some of which are on the farms aforesaid, and the others feeding at large in the wilderness. The one-half of the whole of every sort and kind being mine, with the half of all the hay and corn in stack or mows on any of the said farms, and I, the said John Merritt, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to and with the said James Harris, do covenant, promise and grant that at the time and until the full executing of these presents, I am the lawful owner of the one-half of all the lands, tenements, and hereditaments above mentioned and described, and of the one-half of all the stock of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, and goats above mentioned, and of all the negroes above named, and that therefore from and after the date hereof it may and shall be lawful for the said James Harris, his heirs, executors, and administrators to take seizin and possession by force and virtue of these presents of the aforesaid one-half of all the above-mentioned lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and also of the one-half of all the above-mentioned stock of cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and swine, and of all and singular the whole of the above-mentioned goods, and the lands, to have, hold, possess, and enjoy to his or their own proper use and behoof forever, as his and their own proper estate forever, and to no other use.

“ And further, I, the said John Merritt, for me, my heirs, executors, and administrators to and with the said James Harris, his heirs and assigns, do hereby covenant, promise, and grant in manner following, that is to say: That the above granted and bargained premises unto the aforesaid James Harris, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns. I, my heirs, executors, and administrators will forever warrant, justify, and defend against the lawful claims and demands of all manner of person whatsoever.

In testimony and confirmation whereof, I have hereunto these presents set my hand and affixed my seal this twentieth day of our Lord and King of Great Britain, A. D. 1726.”

[Seal.]

JOHN MERRITT.

Executed in the presence of

Peter Pratt,

Pelataiah Bliss.

Colchester, the 22d day of August, A. D., 1726, then and there personally appeared Major John Merritt, the subscriber of the above and foregoing deed of sale, and acknowledged the said deed to be his free and voluntary act and deed before me.

MICHAEL TAINTER,

Recorded Aug. 24, 1726.

Justice of the Peace.

Edw. Hallem, Recorder.

Benjamin Baker conveyed his interest in the common land February 24, 1742-3, to John Bolles, being four-tenths parts of land allowed to Joshua Baker, the elder, deceased, by the proprietors of New London.

“ Know all men by these presents, that we, John Merritt, Robert Denison, Joseph Bradford, and Mercy Raymond, all of New London, in the County of New London, and Colony of Connecticut, for and in consideration of twenty shillings, received of Mary Atwell \* of said Town and County and Colony, widow, to our full satisfaction and consent, have granted, remised, released and quit-claimed, and by these presents, we, John Merritt, Robert Denison, Joseph Bradford, and Mercy

Raymond, do for ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, fully and freely grant, remise, release, and forever quitclaim and confirm unto the said Mary Atwell, her heirs and assigns forever, all our right, title, and interest in a small slip of land lying and being in said New London, in the North Parish therein, and is on the east side of the farm that belonged to Benjamin Atwell, late of New London, deceased, being about one acre, more or less, lying within the said farm and in her full possession and seizin with the profits, privileges, and appurtenances to the same belonging. To have and to hold the said released premises unto the said Mary Atwell and to her heirs and assigns, to their own proper use and behoof forever.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, dated this 19th day of March, 1725-6."

JOHN MERRITT, [Seal.]  
 ROBERT DENISON, [Seal.]  
 JOSEPH BRADFORD, [Seal.]  
 MARY RAYMOND. [Seal.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

John Plumbe,  
 Joshua Weeks.

The following is a copy of the original deed of gift by Joshua Raymond to his son John Raymond, which deed is now extant:

"To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come: I, Joshua Raymond, of New London, in ye County of New London, and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, send Greeting:

Know ye that I, the said Joshua Raymond, for and in consideration of that parental love and affection that I have and do bear to my well-beloved son, John Raymond, of said New London, have given and granted, and by these presents do freely, clearly, and absolutely give and grant to ye said John Raymond, his heirs and assigns forever, a certain farm or tract of land in ye North Parish of New London aforesaid,

called Mohegan farm, situate at ye head of a certain cove, commonly called and known by the name of Baker's Cove. Butted and bounded as follows: Beginning where Stony Brook, so-called falls into ye salt water and so up that brook bounding upon the brook until it comes to the uppermost of Mr. Ebenezer Williams's land. Including a small tract of land I purchased of ye Widow Mary Baker, deceased, by estimation, eighteen acres, as also a little piece of meadow about one acre, adjoining on the easterly side of it, bounded partly on the brook and partly on Ebenezer Williams's, as by his deed to me of ye same upon record may more fully appear, reference thereunto being had. The said eighteen acres is bounded southerly upon Ebenezer Williams's land, and westerly upon a small strip of land I sold to him by way of exchange, and from thence northerly upon Samson Haughton's land till it comes to the brook, then easterly upon ye farm which I now give to him by deed, called as before Mohegan Farm, and so along said brook northerly continuing ye same course to where formerly a large black oak tree stood, close on the bank of said brook, which is ye corner bound; then running easterly across ye hill, bounding northerly on ye Mohegan fields upon ye track of an old fence which formerly inclosed ye farm, till it comes to a small brook or run of water, and so southerly upon ye brook, excluding the two acres sequestered formerly by Messrs. Wadsworth and Hall to ye use of the then Indian Sachem named Cesar, and so along said brook until it comes into ye cove before mentioned, and along ye head of the cove southerly till it comes to ye first-mentioned bound. The whole being by estimation three hundred acres, be the same more or less, with two mansion houses, a grist mill and a barn thereon standing.

To have and to hold all ye above given and granted premises with all and singular the appurtenances thereof unto my said son, John Raymond, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns from henceforth as his and their proper estate forever, absolutely without any manner of condition."

“ In Witness Whereof, I, the said Joshua Raymond, have hereunto set my hand and seal the first day of March, Anno Domino, one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine—fifty. In the twenty-third year of the reign of our sovereign King George the Second.”

[Seal.]

JOSHUA RAYMOND.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of

Timothy Green,

Daniel Coit.

In 1703, Owaneco gave a deed to John Plumb of one hundred acres in consideration of his kindness in saving him from drowning. Also at the same date a deed “ to my loving friend Jonathan Hill, who did personally, with much hazzard to himself, save my life when I was in imminent danger of drowning.”

In 1705, Samuel Rogers sold a tract of land to John Livingston, which he received from Uncas in 1658 at a place called “ Pomechog.” He also conveyed to his son, Samuel Rogers, Jr., a tract north of Massapeag neck.

In 1706, Samuel Fox conveyed to John Smith, “ his wife’s son,” a tract of land on Saw Mill Brook. Also the same year Samuel Fox gave to his son Samuel a deed of a tract of land “ lying west of Saw Mill Brook, with a dwelling house standing thereon.”

January 11, 1709, Owaneco conveyed to Robert Denison of Stonington four hundred acres of land lying on the southerly side of a little pond called “ Opsoboxuk ” and one hundred acres adjoining land of Oliver Manwaring. A portion of the land then owned by Manwaring is still in the possession of his descendants, bearing the name. In 1710, Owaneco conveyed by deed to Robert Denison, Samuel Rogers, James Harris, and John Livingston, a large tract of land lying “ west of the foot-path or highway as it now runs from New London to Norwich,” and running “ south from the northwest corner tree to White Rock in the Great River.”

The same year Jonathan Rogers conveyed by deed to Samuel Avery of Molegan "a tract of land containing twenty acres with a house and orchard thereon, situate on the north side of Saw Mill Brook, and where the old saw mill stood, bounded south with the brook, east with a small brook that runs into Saw Mill Brook, and north with a ledge of rocks that runs from the small brook like a half moon until it comes to the Saw Mill Brook." The Rockland Paper Mill now stands on same tract.

About the same date Samuel Gilbert and his wife, and Nathaniel, his son, gave a deed to John Merritt and Mercy Raymond of that tract of land which was conveyed to Mrs. Gilbert by her father, Samuel Rogers, in 1698, and described as "lying northwest of Samuel Rogers' dwelling house, and east of the farm where Mercy Raymond now lives." Mercy Raymond then had built the house which is still standing on the hill west of the Congregational Church, and now occupied by S. Denison Bradford's heirs, and known as the "Old Raymond Place."

May 11, 1717, John Merritt and Mercy Raymond conveyed to Joshua Lambe and John Lewis four hundred acres "bounded west on land of Samson Haughton and the cove called Baker's Cove, south and east by the Great River, and north by land of John Livingston," it being the same tract they purchased of Livingston in April of the same year, and contained a dwelling-house thereon.

LIST OF PERSONS WHO WERE RESIDENTS IN  
THE NORTH PARISH OF NEW LONDON  
AND ENGAGED IN THE WAR OF THE  
REVOLUTION.

Avery, Amos, private, seven days' service at Lexington, Mass., 1775.

Avery, Abraham, corporal, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Chas. Webb, 20 July to 18 Dec., 1775.

Ashbo, Robert, private, killed 16 Sept., 1776, in retreat from New York.

Ashbo, Samuel, private, 3 Co., 3 Regt., Col. Putnam, from May 10 to June 17, 1775.

Ashbo, John, private, 3 Co., 3 Regt., Col. Putnam, from May 16 to Dec. 16, 1775.

Atwell, Benjamin, private, in Arnold detachment in Quebec Expedition, 1775.

Atwell, Thomas, private, 5 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons, Quebec, 10 May to 10 Dec., 1775.

Babcock, Elihu, private, on board ship "Trumbull" from Jan. 3 to July 4, 1776.

Baker, Asa, corporal, Col. Seth Warner's Regt., from Dec. 20, '79, to 1781.

Baker, Asa, Jr., private, Capt. Waterman's Co., 20 Regt., on duty at New London, 1779.

Baker, Lemuel, private, Capt. Walker's Co. at Fort Schuyler, April 16 to Sept. 15, 1776.

Bohema, Cesar, private, Capt. Child's Co. not found after first muster.

Bradford, Nath'l., private, Capt. Hungerford's Co. at New London and Groton, Nov. 10 to Jan. 9, '81.

Button, Joseph, private, Capt. Hungerford's Co., at New London and Groton, Nov. 4 to Jan. 2, '81.

Bishop, Nicholas, Capt., eight days' service at Lexington, Mass., April, 1775.

Chapman, Alpheus, sergt., eight days' service at Lexington, Mass., April, 1775.

- Case, Clark, private, pensioner in 1840.
- Chappell, Caleb, private, Capt. Calkins's Co., Col. Latimer's Regt. at Saratoga, 1777.
- Church, Peleg, private, Capt. Calkins's Co., Col. Latimer's Regt. at Saratoga, 1777.
- Church, Fairbanks, private, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Webb, from July 10 to Dec. 18, 1775.
- Church, Jonathan, private, Col. Erastus Wolcott's Regt. at New London, Feb. 28, 1777.
- Church, John, private, Col. Erastus Wolcott's Regt. at New London, Feb. 28, 1777.
- Comstock, Elisha, private, Col. Erastus Wolcott's Regt. at New London, Feb. 28, 1777.
- Comstock, Oliver, corp., pensioner in the roll of 1818.
- Comstock, Samuel, brev. major, pensioner in the roll of 1818.
- Comstock, James, private, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Webb's Regt., from July 11 to Dec. 18, 1775.
- Congdon, John, corp., 1 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons's Regt., from May 6 to Dec. 10, 1775.
- Chappell, Joshua, private, 5 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons's Regt., from May 6 to Dec. 17, 1775.
- Chappell, John, private, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Webb's Regt., from July 10 to 18 Dec., 1775.
- Comstock, Gideon, corp., William Belcher's Co., from Jan. 20, '77, to 20 Jan., '80.
- Darrow, Christopher, Jr., lieut., 8 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.
- Darrow, Christopher, major, re-enlisted 1777; in service from May, 1775, to Aug. 27, 1780.
- Fargo, Aaron, private, 3 Co., 3 Regt., Col. Putnam's Regt., from May 8, '75, to Dec. 14, '75.
- Fox, Elisha, captain, 8 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.
- Fargo, Joshua, private, 6 days' service at Lexington, April 1775.
- Gardner, David, corp., Capt. Jedediah Hyde's Co., 3 years' service, Oct. 15, '77, to Dec. 31, '79.
- Gardner, Stephen, private, Capt. N. Waterman's Co., at New London July 9, 1779.
- Gardner, William, private, Capt. N. Waterman's Co., at New London July 9, 1779.



Gardner, Isaac, private, Capt. N. Waterman's Co., at New London July 9, 1779.

Gardner, Jonathan, private, Capt. N. Waterman's Co., at New London July 9, 1779.

Holmes, John, private, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Chas. Webb, from July 17, '75, to Dec. 18, '75.

Holmes, Elisha, private, 3 Co., 5 Regt., Col. Parsons, from May 14, '75, to Dec. 17, '75.

Hillhouse, John, sergt., 8 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.

Hillhouse, James, capt., 2d Co. Governor's Foot Guards, July 5, 1779.

Hillhouse, James, lieut., recruiting officer for Continental Army in '79-'80.

Hillhouse, William, major, 2d Regt. Light Horse, 1776.

Hill, Samuel, private, 8 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.

Jewett, David H., surgeon, 4th battalion, Wadsworth Brigade, Sept. 27, '76, to Nov. 17, '76.

Latimer, John, capt., 10 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.

Latimer, Daniel, sergt., 10 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.

Latimer, Robert, fifer, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Chas. Webb, from July 6, '75, to Dec. 4, '75.

Latimer, Robert, Jr., fifer, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Chas. Webb, from July 6, '75, to Dec. 10, '75.

Lyon, Amariah, private, 5 Co., 3 Regt., Col. Israel Putnam, from May 6, '75, to Dec. 10, '75.

Latimer, George, ensign, 5 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons, from May 1, '75, to Dec. 17, '75.

Minard, Stephen, private, 5 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons, May 8, '75, to Dec. 17, '75.

Minard, Christopher, private, 5 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons, May 8, '75, to Dec. 17, '75.

Maples, Joshua, private, 5 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons, May 12, '75, to Dec. 17, '75.

Mosier, Naaman, private, under Capt. Darrow, Dec. 18, '76, 3 years.

Mosier, Stephen, private, under Capt. Darrow, Dec. 18, '76,  
2 years

- McFall, David, private, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Chas. Webb, around New York.
- Prince, William, sergt., 8 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.
- Raymond, Joshua, corporal, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Chas. Webb, July 20, '75, to Dec. 18, '75.
- Raymond, Joshua, Jr., private, 8 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.
- Raymond, Daniel, private, 7 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.
- Raymond, John, Jr., lieut., 8 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.
- Raymond, John, Jr., lieut., 5 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons, May 1, '75, to Dec. 17, '75.
- Raymond, William, sergt., 5 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons, May 6, '75, to Dec. 17, '75.
- Raymond, William, clerk, 8 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.
- Scheasuch, Reuben, private, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Chas. Webb, Aug. 1, '75, to Dec. 18, '75.
- Scheasuch, Thomas, private, 3 Co., 7 Regt., Col. Chas. Webb, July 26, '75, to Dec. 18, '75.
- Turner, Isaac, lieut., 2 Regt., under Col. Chas. Webb at New London.
- Turner, Mathew, private, Capt. George Markham's Co. at New London, Sept. 11, 1781.
- Whaley, David, private, 5 Co., 6 Regt., Col. Parsons, from May 9, '75, to Dec. 17, '75.
- Weeks, Ebenezer, private, 8 days' service at Lexington, April, 1775.

LIST OF SOLDIERS WHO WERE IN THE WAR  
OF THE REVOLUTION, AND PENSIONERS  
UNDER THE ACT OF 1818, RESIDENTS  
OF MONTVILLE.

Atwell, Oliver	Church, Fairbanks
Atwell, Samuel	Darrow, Ebenezer
Allen, George	Fox, Ezekiel
Chapel, Guy	Gardner, Isaac
Chappell, John	Holmes, Elisha
Comstock, John	Hammond, Isaac
Comstock, James	Latimer, George
Comstock, Jason	Raymond, Lemuel
Chapman, Jesse	Smith, Ebenezer 2d.
Chapman, Daniel	Thompson, John 2d.
Chapman, Joseph	Whaley, Jonathan

LIST OF PENSIONERS AS RETURNED BY CEN-  
SUS OF 1840 FROM MONTVILLE.

Joseph Church	Eleazer Tracy
James Comstock	Thomas Rogers
John Smith	John Uncas
Samuel Atwell	Guy Chapel
David Dart	Elisha Holmes
Daniel Ames	Ann Bishop, wid. of
Ann Chapel,	Lucy Chapel,
wid. of Daniel	wid. of Jedediah.

LIST OF PERSONS WHO SERVED IN THE WAR  
OF 1812, RESIDENTS OF MONTVILLE.

Baker, Erastus	Fox, Henry
Baker, Lemuel	Gardner, David H.
Baker, Joshua	Gardner, Erastus
Beckwith, Clement	Gardner, Roderick
Beckwith, David	Gates, John
Bolles, Alfred	Hillhouse, Nathaniel
Champlin, Samuel	Hillhouse, William
Chapman, Joseph	Holmes, Bartlett
Church, Daniel	Haughton, William
Church, Erastus	Latimer, George G.
Church, Fairbanks	Latimer, Ezekiel C.
Church, Isaac	Latimer, John L.
Church, Prentis	Lyon, Ephraim
Church, Samuel	Maples, Asa
Comstock, Alexander	Maples, Benjamin
Comstock, Asa, Jr.	Maples, William
Comstock, Asa, 2d	Maynard, George
Comstock, Caleb	Maynard, Oliver
Comstock, Daniel	Maynard, Roswell
Comstock, David	Palmer, Reuben, Jr.
Comstock, Jared	Ray, Daniel
Comstock, Jared, Jr.	Raymond, Josiah
Comstock, John	Raymond, Orlando
Comstock, John R.	Raymond, Sherwood
Comstock, Oliver	Rogers, Azel F.
Comstock, Oliver W.	Rogers, Elisha
Comstock, Robert	Rogers, Elisha H.
Comstock, William	Rogers, Jeremiah
Congdon, David	Rogers, Joshua
Congdon, John	Rose, Peleg
Congdon, Sanford	Ross, Jesse
Darrow, Daniel	Shoals, Jabez
Darrow, John	Smith, Lyman
Dart, Moses	Smith, Marvin
Dolbeare, John	Story, Samuel
Dolbeare, Lemuel	Swan, Coddington
Dolbeare, Guy	Thompson, Elias
Fitch, Erastus	Thompson, George
Fitch, James	Thompson, Isaac
Fitch, Mason	Thompson, Jabez B.
Fitch, John	Whaley, John G.
Fox, Elisha	Whaley, Levi
	White, Elihu

## CHAPTER IV.

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There is a deep significance and a profound philosophy in that Divine economy enjoined upon the ancient Israelites — that chosen people — to preserve their ancient pedigrees, and to hold in sacred veneration the memory of their forefathers.

Not only every family, but every tribe of Israel was required to preserve sacredly its lineage and pedigree. They were all alike and everywhere the children of Abraham, not merely in name, but verily his seed, and the links and ligaments of this relation were kept sacred and bright in every household and in every tribe. And so it was, that when the child, Jesus, was born of this race, though of a humble and obscure family, Matthew was able at once to give his paternal pedigree as the son of Joseph back through forty-two generations to Abraham. And the more learned and scholarly physician, Luke, could give the record of his maternal pedigree as the son of Mary away back through seventy-six generations to Adam.

If it was an honor to a Roman to be able to boast a pedigree back to the founders of that brilliant empire; if it ennobled and inspired the ancient Greek, if he could make the same proud boast; if it be to-day regarded as a high badge of renown to an English subject if he can show a lineage back to the days of William the Conqueror and his faithful followers; if this descent from the founders of Europe has always and everywhere been held in the highest renown, how much more is it now counted as honor to be ranked among those who have descended from the Puritan stock, who were the first founders of this new but already great and illustrious republic.

It is profitable to turn aside occasionally from the ordinary routine of duties to contemplate the virtues of those who have lived before us. No people can become permanently great and prosperous unless they revere the memory of a virtuous ancestry. This feeling underlies the sentiment of patriotism and inspires the self-devotion of the Christian hero.

If the Roman of the empire was not ashamed to acknowledge his descent from the robber band who founded the eternal city of Rome, surely we may well rejoice that our blood is derived from a religious, heroic, God-fearing ancestry, who, amid privations and perils, sowed the precious seed, upborne by a faith which even in the darkest hours of trial and adversity did not forsake them.

By reflecting upon the piety and undaunted courage of our fathers who laid the foundations of the civil and religious institutions, this day enjoyed by us, we shall not only appreciate more fully the greatness of this work, but be the better fitted to carry it bravely onward toward the final achievement.

Two hundred years ago! Who of us can realize the change, or depict the life of those adventurous men here in the very heart of a wilderness, shut in on every side by the gloom of the primeval forest and environed by countless perils? Hordes of savage men living in this vicinity, roaming over their fields, and at some unguarded moment the war-whoop may ring the death knell of unprotected wives and children, while from the surrounding shades and thickets the savage beasts are ready to pounce upon their herds and trample down their crops. Life was a constant struggle with hardships and dangers. To one gazing off from the apex of Raymond Hill, where our fathers first erected a temple of worship and established their altars of sacrifice, the outline of woody hills and intervening valleys are the same to-day, but no roads so easy to travel, or the lands so smooth and fenced, or the dwellings so comfortable and commodious as now.

## PARISH FAMILIES.

NATHANIEL PARISH, born about 1715, son of Samuel Parish of Norwich, and probably grandson of John of Stonington, who died in 1715, married 26 July, 1739, Kesiah Armstrong of Norwich. He settled at Norwich. Samuel Parish, his father, was accidentally injured by the falling of a bridge, on which he, with others, were working, after the freshet of February, 1727. Nathaniel Parish died 26 March 1767. His wife Kesiah died 25 February, 1781.

### Children.

2. Andrew, b. 14 Dec., 1740.
3. Elizabeth, b. 25 Oct., 1743; died 17 Aug., 1744.
4. Elizabeth, b. 14 Oct., 1745; m. Elisha Corning.
5. Nathaniel, b. 21 Oct., 1748; m. 1st, Lucy ———; 2d, Clarissa Woodworth.
6. Elijah, b. 16 Feb., 1750; m. Marion Baker.

ELIZABETH (4), b. 14 Oct., 1745, daughter of Nathaniel Parish and Kesiah Armstrong; m. Elisha Corning of Norwich, 27 Dec., 1770, and had children: 1st, Josiah, b. 20 Feb., 1772; 2d, Susanna, b. 27 July, 1775; 3d, Andrew, b. 26 Feb., 1778; 4th, Elisha, b. 25 Jan., 1781.

ELIJAH (6), b. 16 Feb., 1750, son of Nathaniel Parish and Kesiah Armstrong, m. Marion Baker, daughter of Gideon Baker. Settled at Norwich.

### Children.

7. Elijah, b. about 1775; m. Eunice Sanford.
8. Nathaniel, b. 19 April, 1777; m. 1st, Sarah Rogers; 2d, Lucy Jewett Raymond.
9. Kesiah, b. ———; m. Asa Smith.

10. Ebenezer, b.

11. Nancy, b. m. Joseph Powers.

ELIJAH (7), b. about 1775, son of Elijah Parish and Marion Baker; m. about 1796 Eunice Sanford.

#### Children.

12. Harriet, b. 26 Dec., 1797; m. Samuel W. Palmer.

13. Nancy, b. 24 Jan., 1799; died 7 Aug., 1866; unm.

NATHANIEL (8), b. 19 April, 1777, son of Elijah Parish and Marion Baker, m. (1st) Sarah Rogers, b. 30 Sept., 1778, daughter of Jehial Rogers and Amy Vibbert. She died 24 Aug., 1827. He then married 25 Feb., 1829, Lucy Jewett Raymond, b. 18 Feb., 1787, dau. of Colonel Mulford Raymond and Eleanor Bradford. He settled in Montville; was a farmer and merchant. The present chapel of the Congregational Church stands on the site of Nathaniel Parish's old store. Held various town offices. He represented the town of Montville in the legislature in 1838; was town treasurer from 1825 to 1847; was treasurer of the First Ecclesiastical Society many years; a member of the church, and died at the advanced age of 91 years, 3d June, 1868, much respected. His second wife, Lucy Jewett, died 20 Oct., 1848. She was an amiable woman, and a devoted Christian. They had three children who died in infancy. One died 10 Dec., 1830, the other two, twins, died 8 Jan., 1833.

Raymond Nathaniel, b. 31 March, 1834; m. first, Elnora Emerson, by whom he had one dau., Lucy Jewett, b. 3 Nov., 1871. He married for second wife Susan C. Huntington, b. about 1838, and died 31 Jan., 1896.



## DARROW FAMILIES.

SERGEANT GEORGE DARROW, as he is styled, makes his first appearance in New London between the years 1675 and 1680, and marries Mary, relict of George Sharswood, whose death occurred previous to 1678, leaving four children to be cared for by the mother and step-father, Sergeant George Darrow. One of these children, Mary, born in 1672, married Jonathan Hill, great-grandfather of Deacon Charles Hill of Montville.

Many of the descendants of the first George Darrow have been noted ministers of the gospel in the Baptist denomination. Nearly every generation has furnished one or more of the name who have adorned the profession.

The baptism, but not the birth of the children of Sergeant George and Mary (Sharswood) Darrow are recorded. Mary, the wife, died in 1698. He then married, 10 Aug., 1702, Elizabeth Marshall of Hartford. He died in 1704.

### Children.

2. Christopher, bap. 1 Dec., 1678; m. Elizabeth Packer.
3. George, bap. 17 Oct., 1680; m.
4. Nicholas, bap. 20 May, 1683; m. Millicent Beeby.
5. Jane, bap. 17 April, 1692.
6. Richard, bap. 6 Aug., 1704.

II. CHRISTOPHER (2), bap. 1 Dec., 1678, son of Sergeant George Darrow and Mary Sharswood; m. Elizabeth Packer. He settled at Waterford, probably on the farm occupied by his father, called the "Old Darrow Farm."

Upon the gravestone erected to the memory of his wife, on the Old Darrow Farm in Waterford, is the following in-

scription: "In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Darrow, wife of Christopher Darrow, who died in February, 1758, aged 78 years. She was mother to eight children, forty-three grandchildren, and thirty great-grandchildren. Has had 100" ("descendants").

This stone, with the above inscription, was probably erected several years after her death by some one of her grandchildren, and the number of the children there mentioned may have been taken from the will of her husband, in which only eight children are mentioned, three having died previous to the date of the will. The will was admitted to probate in 1757.

#### Children.

7. Christopher, b. 22 Oct., 1702; m. Elizabeth Christophers.
8. Ebenezer, b. 12 Aug., 1704; m. Abia Rogers.
9. John, b. 11 Aug., 1706.
10. Lydia, b. 3 Aug., 1708.
11. George, b. 7 March, 1712.
12. Samuel, bap. 31 Jan., 1714.
13. William, bap. 10 July, 1715.
14. Lemuel, b. 9 April, 1717; m. Preserved Randall, 19 Sept., 1751; had son Ichabod, b. 11 Aug., 1752.
15. Elizabeth, b. 27 June, 1719; m. Daniel Lester, 25 Sept., 1739.
16. Jedediah, b. 10 Aug., 1721.
17. Ichabod, b. 2 June, 1723; died in 1740.

II. NICHOLAS (4), bap. 20 May, 1683, son of Sergeant George Darrow and Mary Sharswood; m. Millicent Beeby, dau. of Thomas and Millicent Beeby. He probably also settled at Waterford, or New London. No record of his family has been discovered. It is, however, known that he had children.

18. Nicholas, b. m. Mary Griffin.
19. Sarah, b.
20. Mary, b.
21. Daniel, b.
22. Nathaniel, b.

III. CHRISTOPHER (7), b. 22 Oct., 1702, son of Christopher Darrow and Elizabeth Packer; m. Elizabeth Christophers. He probably settled first at Waterford, and afterwards may have moved into the North Parish of New London, where his son, Christopher, appears to have settled. In a document dated 30 April, 1765, Christopher Darrow, Jr., gives a lease of land in North Parish "to his father, Christopher Darrow during his natural life," and says, "Said piece of land is the same that was set out and described in a deed to Abel Shoals, and Anna, his wife, set out of their father's, John Minard's estate."

July 31, 1783, Christopher Darrow, Jr., conveyed by deed to Jonathan Darrow a tract of land containing 36 acres, situated in North Parish, and says, "It being a tract of land my father gave me by deed of gift." The records do not show how many children Christopher Darrow, Sr., had, and the only names recovered are Christopher and Jonathan.

IV. CHRISTOPHER DARROW, JR., married Sarah Gorton, whose parents may have resided at Great Neck, as she had land set out to her there, which she, with her husband, conveyed to David Rogers in 1773. He was a major in the Army of the Revolution, and a brave soldier in both the French and Revolutionary wars. His residence in the North Parish was a short distance west of the Harry Vincent Mill Pond. His farm was afterwards owned by Atwell Chapel, and later by Joshua Baker.

He had a son Christopher, and probably had other sons and daughters, but their record has not been recovered.

III. EBENEZER (8), b. 12 Aug., 1704, son of Christopher Darrow and Elizabeth Packer; m. 17 April, 1727, Abia Rogers, b. 28 March, 1706; dau. of James Rogers and Sarah Stevens. He settled at Waterford, where he was a farmer. He died 10 Oct., 1756. She died 11 March, 1778.

## Children.

- 23. Zadoc, b. 25 Dec., 1728; m. 1st, Hannah Lester; 2d, Hester Lee; 3d, Widow Elizabeth Pember.
- 24. Sarah, b. 6 Nov., 1730.
- 25. Abia, b. 27 Aug., 1732.
- 26. Elizabeth, b. 20 Oct., 1734.

III. NICHOLAS (18), , son of Nicholas Darrow and Millicent Beeby; m. 9 March, 1731, Mary Griffin.

## Children.

- 27. Sarah, b. 4 June, 1734.
- 28. Peter, b. 6 April, 1736.
- 29. Mary, b. 10 Aug., 1738.
- 30. Rebecca, b. 6 April, 1740.
- 31. James, b. 21 Jan., 1742.
- 32. Millicent, b. 14 June, 1744.
- 33. Nicholas, b. 16 July, 1750; m. Sally Rogers.
- 34. Elizabeth, b. 7 June, 1752.

IV. ZADOC (23), b. 25 Dec., 1728, son of Ebenezer Darrow and Abia Rogers; m. 1st, Hannah Lester; 2d, Hester Lee, dau. of Rev. Joseph Lee of Lyme, and 3d, Widow Elizabeth Pember. He was married to his second wife 1 April, 1755, who was the mother of all his children. He was a Baptist minister of considerable note; was elder of the Baptist church in Waterford for fifty years. He died 16 Feb., 1827.

## Children.

- 35. Lemuel, b. 1 Feb., 1756; m. Rebecca ———.
- 36. Hannah, b. 24 Aug., 1758.
- 37. Ebenezer, b. 19 June, 1761.
- 38. Mary, b. 18 Sept., 1764.
- 39. Zadoc, b. 11 June, 1768.
- 40. Abia, b. 28 May, 1770.
- 41. Joseph, b. 18 Oct., 1773; m. Hannah Bishop.
- 42. Hester, b. 15 Sept., 1779.

IV. NICHOLAS (33), b. 16 July, 1750, son of Nicholas Darrow and Mary Griffin; m. 12 Nov., 1775, Sally Rogers, b. 4 Sept., 1753, dau. of John Rogers and Ann Tinker. He settled in Waterford; was drowned in the Connecticut river, near Middletown. He was on board a skiff, in which he was crossing the river, and fell overboard, and was drowned before assistance could be rendered, Sunday, April 1, 1792.

Children.

- 43. Catherine, b. 8 Oct., 1776; m. Harris.
- 44. Mary, b. 14 Feb., 1778.
- 45. John, b. 16 April, 1779; m. Hannah Chappell.
- 46. Joseph, b. 7 Oct., 1782.
- 47. Sarah, b. 17 Dec., 1784; m. Ephraim Lyon.
- 48. Rebecca, b. 17 Oct., 1786.
- 49. Nicholas, b. 15 Oct., 1789.
- 50. Daniel, b. 10 Aug., 1792; m. Lydia Stobbens.

V. LEMUEL (35), b. 1 Feb., 1756; son of Elder Zadoc Darrow and Hester Lee; m. 16 Nov., 1775, Rebecca ———, born 29 July, 1755. He died 24 May, 1803. She died 25 Feb., 1802.

Children.

- 51. Jason, b. 9 Oct., 1776; m. Patience Caulkins.
- 52. Francis, b. 24 June, 1779; m. Roxey Smith.
- 53. Rebecca, b. 6 May, 1782.
- 54. Hester, b. 27 Oct., 1784.
- 55. Polly, b. 5 June, 1787.
- 56. Lemuel, b. 26 Oct., 1789.
- 57. Zadoc, b. 27 May, 1792.

V. JOSEPH (41), b. 18 Oct., 1773; son of Elder Zadoc Darrow and Hester Lee; m. Hannah Bishop, b. 27 Feb., 1778, dau. of Nicholas Bishop and Mercy Gilbert. He settled at Westford. He died 2 Jan., 1854. She died 15 April, 1858.

## Children.

- 58. Nancy B., b. 17 Dec., 1799; m. Isaiah Peckham.
- 59. Hannah, b. 6 March, 1802; m. Samuel Griswold.
- 60. Josiah, b. 28 Oct., 1804; m. 1st, ——— Gorton; 2d, ——— Peabody. He died 25 June, 1840.
- 61. Edmund, b. 7 Feb., 1807; m. 1st, Grace Rogers; 2d, Elizabeth Potter; 3d, Ellen R. Walden.

V. JOHN (45), b. 16 April, 1779; son of Nicholas Darrow and Sally Rogers; m. 21 Oct., 1802, Hannah Chappell, b. 4 Oct., 1778, dau. of Samuel Chappell and Tacy Lester. He first settled in Waterford, following the fishing business, and removed to Montville in 1812; was in a fish market in New York city until 1816; then became a farmer. He was a man highly esteemed, of strict integrity, and successful in business. He died at Montville, 16 Feb., 1878. She died 12 June, 1859.

## Children.

- 62. Harriet Newell, b. 8 May, 1806; died 21 Dec., 1858.
- 63. Albert Gallatin, b. 25 June, 1808; m. Almira Turner, 13 Jan., 1828.
- 64. Hannah, b. 4 Oct., 1810; m. George D. Jerome, 14 Nov., 1836.
- 65. John, b. 1 Aug., 1812; m. Mary Elizabeth Pember, 25 Oct., 1835.
- 66. Giles, b. 4 Feb., 1814; m. Nancy Wells, 2 March, 1841.
- 67. Jane Theresa, b. 12 Nov., 1816; m. Rev. Curtis Keenoy, 14 Feb., 1848.
- 68. Mary Ann, b. 6 Nov., 1818; m. Asahel Pember, 18 Oct., 1852.
- 69. Henry, b. 25 Sept., 1820; died 16 June, 1830.
- 70. Adeline, b. 27 Aug., 1822; m. Asa Wightman, 14 Feb., 1843.

V. DANIEL (50), b. 10 Aug., 1790; son of Nicholas Darrow and Sally Rogers; m. 31 Dec., 1817, Lydia Stebbins, b. 16 Sept., 1794, dau. of Edward Stebbins and Anna Bishop. He settled in Montville, was a farmer on the Old Colchester

road; his farm and dwelling was located a short distance east from the Old Palmer Church. He died 6 May, 1868. She died 4 Dec., 1852.

#### Children.

71. Sarah Ann, b. 12 Oct., 1818; died in infancy.
72. George Rogers, b. 29 Sept., 1820; m. 1st, Charlotte Brooks Harris; 2d, Julia Theresa Turner.
73. Turner Stebbins, b. 24 Sept., 1822; m. Mary W. Whaley.
74. Lydia Ann, b. 10 Nov., 1827; m. Henry A. Latham.

VI. FRANCIS (52), b. 24 June, 1779; son of Lemuel Darrow and Rebecca ———; m. about 1800 Roxey Smith. He was a Baptist minister, settled at Waterford; afterwards was located in the West, and, his health failing, returned East and died at Montville.

#### Children.

75. Ormond, b. June, 1801; m. Sarah Loomis.
76. Allen, b. 23 July, 1803.
77. Roxey, b. 15 Aug., 1805; m. Nathan Wildman. He died at Danbury, Conn., Feb., 1859. She died in 1889, leaving one dau., Mary, b. 11 May, 1826; m. Jacob Gardner.

VI. EDMUND (61), b. 7 Feb., 1807; son of Joseph Darrow and Hannah Bishop; m. 4 March, 1831, 1st, Grace Rogers, b. 25 Dec., 1810, dau. of Elder Lester Rogers. She died 26 April, 1850. He then married, 3 March, 1851, Elizabeth, dau. of Deacon George Potter of Genesee, N. Y., b. 6 Aug., 1823. She died 15 Nov., 1872. He married for his third wife, 25 Dec., 1877, Ellen R. Walden, b. 19 Sept., 1834, dau. of Rev. Hiram Walden and Rebecca Bird. She was living at Waterford in 1896.

Elder Edmund Darrow was a Baptist minister; was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Waterford thirty-eight years. He died at Waterford, 6 Oct., 1888.

## Children by Grace.

- 78. Edmund R., b. 30 March, 1833; m. Maria Edwards, and died about 1861, leaving one son, E. E. Darrow.
- 79. Josephine, b. about 1838; died 5 Nov., 1841.
- 80. F. Newton, b. 10 Oct., 1842; m. Louisa Beebe 3 Jan., 1864. They had 1st, Eva, b. 5 Aug., 1870; died 7 Aug., 1871; 2d, Earl W., b. 15 Oct., 1873.

## Children by Elizabeth.

- 81. Mary Emerson, b. 1 Sept., 1852; m. Adrian A. Almy.
- 82. George Potter, b. 4 Feb., 1859; m. Jennie Johnson.
- 83. Courtland Rogers, b. 31 Dec., 1868; unm. Is a civil engineer at Waterbury, Conn.

VI. JASON (51), b. 9 Oct., 1776, son of Lemuel Darrow and Rebecca ———; m. 14 Feb., 1802, Patience Caulkins, b. 9 Sept., 1780. He died 2 Feb., 1814. His widow then married Daniel H. Caulkins, 24 May, 1815, and had son, John Smith, b. 8 June, 1816; Elizabeth, b. 8 July, 1818. The Widow Patience (Darrow) Caulkins died 14 Aug., 1850.

- 84. Edwin Jason, b. 17 Sept., 1806; m. 28 June, 1854, Lucy Pease Gay of East Granby, Conn., b. 26 June, 1821, and had Fanny, b. 21 Feb., 1856; Alfred Lyman, b. 9 July, 1858; m. 4 Oct., 1894, Ada E. Leland.

VI. ALBERT G. (63), b. 25 June, 1808; son of John Darrow and Hannah Chappell; m. 13 Jan., 1828, Almira Turner, dau. of Giles Turner and Eunice Comstock. He settled at Montville, a farmer, and manufactured linseed and cotton seed oil. He owned the oil mill that formerly stood on the site of the present Pequot mills. A man of good business qualifications, held important town offices, was selectman and judge of the Probate Court for the District of Montville, represented the town in the State Legislature in the years 1843 and 1858. He died much respected and lamented, 27 Jan., 1861.



## Children.

- 85. Henry A., b. 25 Nov., 1828; died at sea, 26 April, 1850.
- 86. Horace S., b. 30 Jan., 1831; m. Mary McDonald 20 Oct., 1856.
- 87. Juliet R., b. 25 Oct., 1832; m. Henry Williams.
- 88. Caroline R., b. 26 Oct., 1834; m. William F. Thacher.
- 89. Emma L., b. 7 April, 1837; died in 1873.
- 90. Edward E., b. 7 June, 1839; m. Fanny Walls.
- 91. Hellen A., b. 15 Nov., 1842; m. Edward Prest, and died 12 May, 1874.

VII. OSMOND (75), b. June, 1801; son of Francis Darrow and Roxey Smith; m. Sarah Loomis; b. 20 May, 1810, dau. of Joel Loomis and Ellis Chapel. Had a son

- 92. John Loomis, b. 6 Oct, 1826; m. Elizabeth H. Gray, 28 Sept., 1848; had dau., Estelle, b. 23 July, 1849, and Carrie Ellen, b. 2 June, 1857.
- 93. Sarah Ellen, b. 1830; m. William K. Fox.

TURNER STEBBINS (73), b. 24 Sept., 1822; son of Daniel Darrow and Lydia Stebbins; m. 16 Dec., 1847, Mary W. Whaley, b. 7 Sept., 1826, dau. of William Whaley and Philena Haughton. He settled at Montville, a farmer, lived on the old homestead and died 14 April, 1889.

## Children.

- 94. Addie, b. 11 June, 1849.
- 95. Mary Haughton, b. 1 April, 1859.
- 96. Ruth Ann, b. 16 Oct., 1861.
- 97. Daniel W., b. 8 July, 1862.
- 98. Claraetta, b. 1 July, 1869.

## BOLLES FAMILIES.

The first of the name of Bolles who came from England to America was Joseph, the precise period and place of whose arrival has not been ascertained. In the year 1640 he is found to have been engaged in trade at Winter Harbor, near the mouth of the Saco River, in the province of Maine. Mr. Joseph Bolles afterwards removed to Wells, Maine, where he held the office of town clerk from 1654 to 1664, during which period his dwelling-house and the first volume of the town records were burned by the Indians.

This Joseph Bolles was born in February, 1608, and died at Wells, Maine, in 1678. His will bears date 18th Sept., of same year, and was admitted to probate in Nov., 1678. His whole family survived him, and his wife was living in 1684. It is conjectured that his wife, Mary, was a daughter of Morgan Howell, who, in his will, bequeathed to Mary Bolles and her children all his estate, both real and personal, and appointed her executrix of his will, dated 17th Nov., 1666. She was born in March, 1624.

### Children.

2. Mary, b. 7 Aug., 1641; m. Col. Charles Frost of Kittery, Me., and had a large family. She died 11 Nov., 1704.
3. Thomas, b. 1 Dec., 1644; m. 1st, Zipporah Wheeler; 2d, Rebecca Waller.
4. Samuel, b. 12 March, 1646.
5. Hannah, b. 25 Nov., 1649; m. Beebe.
6. Elizabeth, b. 15 Jan., 1652; m. Locke.
7. Joseph, b. 15 March, 1654; m. Mary ———.
8. Sarah, b. 20 Jan., 1657; m. Chadbourne.
9. Mercy, b. 11 Aug., 1661; died unmarried.

II. THOMAS (3), b. 1 Dec., 1644, son of Joseph Bolles and Mary Howell; m. 1st, Zipporah Wheeler of Groton, Conn., 1 July, 1669. After her death, 6 June, 1678, he married Rebecca Waller, dau. of Mathew Waller of New London, who died without issue 10 Feb., 1711. He then married Hopestill Chappell, widow of Nathaniel, and died without issue. Thomas Bolles was induced by Gov. John Winthrop to remove from Wells, Maine, to New London, soon after he reached manhood. He first settled in the town plot, but in 1668 he bought a house and some land on what was then called "Foxen's Hill," afterwards known as "Bolles' Hill," and situate on the Norwich road about one mile from the city of New London. A portion of his land was purchased by him of Owaneco. He died at New London 26 May, 1727.

#### Children.

10. Mary, b. about 1673.
11. Joseph, b. about 1675.
12. John, b. Aug., 1677, m. 1st, Sarah Edgecomb; 2d, Elizabeth Wood.

On the evening of June 6, 1678, while Thomas Bolles, the father, was absent from home, Mary and Joseph, with their mother, Zipporah, were murdered by a boy named John Stoddard. The wife and the two eldest children were found dead, weltering in their own blood, with the infant, not a year old, wailing, but unhurt, by the side of its mother. The perpetrator of this bloody deed was a vagrant youth, of uncontrolled passion, who had demanded of the wife shelter and lodging in the house, but was refused. Some angry words ensued, and the diabolical boy, seizing the axe that lay at the wood pile, rushed in and took awful vengeance on his victims. He soon afterwards confessed the crime, was carried to Hartford, tried by the Court of Assistants, condemned and was executed at Hartford, 9 Oct., 1678.

III. JOHN (12), b. Aug., 1677, son of Thomas Bolles and Zipporah Wheeler; m. 1st, Sarah Edgecomb, dau. of John Edgecomb of New London, 3 July, 1699. After her death he married, 2d, Elizabeth Wood of Groton. He was a Rogerine Baptist. Settled at New London, where he died.

Children by Sarah.

13. Joseph, b. 1 March, 1701; m. Martha ———.
14. John, b. 22 Oct., 1702; m. 1st, Lydia Starr; 2d, Widow Maria Delamore.
15. Thomas, b. 12 July, 1704; m. 1st, Mary Rogers; 2d, Anna Smith.
16. Samuel, b. 22 April, 1707; died in 1735 unmarried.
17. Ebenezer, b. 12 July, 1708; m. Mary Rogers.
18. Patience, b. 26 Nov., 1709; m. Thomas Turner.
19. Zipporah, b. 6 Oct., 1711; m. Whipple.
20. Isaiah, b. 11 Oct., 1713; m. Lydia Powers.
21. Enoch, b. 20 Oct., 1715; m. 1st, Hannah Moore; 2d, Widow Lucy (Thompson) Wheeler.
22. Joshua, b. 5 Aug., 1717; m. Joanna Williams.

Children by Elizabeth.

23. Mary, b. 11 April, 1737.
24. Christian, b. 5 March, 1738.
25. Elizabeth, b. 5 March, 1742; m. John Rogers.
26. Samuel, b. 10 May, 1744; m. 1st, Margaret Moore; 2d, Lois (Wickwire) Hamilton.

IV. JOSEPH (13), b. 1st March, 1701, son of John Bolles and Sarah Edgecomb, married Martha. He was a Rogerine Baptist or Quaker, and, like his father, suffered persecution and rejoiced in them as suffering for conscience's sake. He was once whipped at Norwich in 1725 by order of Justice Backus for violating the Sabbath by going to a Baptist religious meeting. He died at New London in July, 1785.

## Children.

- 27. Joseph, b. ; m. Deborah Rogers.
- 28. Thankful, b. ; m. John Bolles, her cousin.
- 29. Sarah, b. 3 Dec., 1736; m. John Henderson.
- 30. Martha, b. 31 Dec., 1738.
- 31. Zipporah, b. 9 May, 1741.

IV. JOHN (14), b. 22 Oct., 1702, son of John Bolles and Sarah Edgecomb; m. 1st, Lydia Starr, who was the mother of all his children. After her death he married Mariam Delamore, a widow, who died without issue. He died at New London in 1777.

## Children.

- 32. John, b. 8 July, 1728; m. Thankful Bolles, his cousin.
- 33. Samuel, b. 29 Dec., 1730; m. ; had one son,  
Stephen, b. 1763; m. Susan Dutton. Settled  
at Hartford and had eleven children.
- 34. Patience, b. 9 Jan., 1734; m. Stephen Clay.

IV. THOMAS (15), b. 12 July, 1704, son of John Bolles and Sarah Edgecomb; m. 1st, Mary Rogers, dau. of Daniel Rogers and Grace Williams, 25 May, 1728. She was the mother of all his children. He married 2d, Anna Smith, dau. of James Smith, who died without issue. He married for his third wife, Isabel Whiting. He was a farmer, carpenter, and cooper. He settled at Waterford and died in 1795.

## Children.

- 35. Sarah, b. 4 Feb., 1729; m. John Jones, and had two  
children. 1st, Judith, b. 6 May, 1764; m. Elijah  
Newton; 2d, Mary, b. 15 Dec., 1765; m. Rev. Ralph  
Hurlburt.
- 36. Thomas, b. 19 Aug., 1730; m. 1st, Grace Jeffery, by  
whom he had eight children; 2d, Mary Ballard, by  
whom he had four children. He removed to western  
New York, where he died in March, 1814.
- 37. Joanna, b. 7 Feb., 1733; m. John Mason.

38. Stephen, b. 16 Sept., 1734; died young.
39. Daniel, b. 4 May, 1736; m. Lucretia Fargo.
40. Lucy, b. 1 Oct., 1737; m. Thomas Turner.
41. Amos, b. 15 May, 1739; m. 1st, Abigail Smith; 2d, Ann Gardner.
42. Zebediah, b. 11 June, 1743; m. Margaret Green.

IV. EBENEZER (17), b. 12 July, 1708, son of John Bolles and Sarah Edgecomb; m. Mary Rogers, dau. of John Rogers and Elizabeth Dodger, 29 Nov., 1744.

Child.

43. Mary, b. 7 Oct., 1745; m. Joseph Hurlburt, and had one dau. Mary, born

IV. ISAAH (20), b. 11 Oct., 1713, son of John Bolles and Sarah Edgecomb; m. Lydia Powers in 1735. She died at Saybrook 10 Sept., 1774. He died there 28 Jan., 1789. They had four daughters and one son.

44. Joseph, b. 24 March, 1736; m. Lydia Kirkland.

IV. ENOCH (21), b. 20 Oct., 1715, son of John Bolles and Sarah Edgecomb; m. 1st, Hannah Moore, 2 Nov., 1738. She died 18 March, 1765. He then married Lucy (Thompson) Wheeler. He was a farmer, a saddler, and harness-maker. He lived on Bolles' Hill in Waterford.

Children by Hannah.

45. Enoch, b. 19 July, 1739; m. Robinson.
46. Jonathan, b. 27 Oct., 1740; died young.
47. David, b. 14 Jan., 1743; m. Susanna Moore, his cousin.
48. Jonathan, b.
49. Asa, b.
50. Jesse, b.
51. John, b.
52. Isaiah, b.
53. Nathan, b.
54. Richard, b.



- 68. Susanna, b. 14 Dec., 1779; m. Dea. Caleb Lyon, Feb., 1821. Had one dau., Margaret, b.       ; m. Arnold Rudd, and had two children, who died young.
- 69. Giles, b. 27 Nov., 1781; died young.
- 70. Francis, b. 12 Aug., 1783; m. Alice Chapel.
- 71. Samuel, b. 18 June, 1785; died young.
- 72. Mary, b. 22 March, 1788; m. Lemuel Darrow.
- 73. Lyman, b. 12 April, 1793; died young.

V. JOSEPH (27), b.                       ; eldest son of Joseph Bolles and Martha                       ; m. Deborah Rogers, dau. of Samuel Rogers and Hannah Gardner. He was a Rogerine Quaker and lived at Quaker Hill, in the town of Waterford. He had ten children.

- 74. Joseph, one of his children, m. Eunice Strickland, dau. of Samuel Strickland, 8 Nov., 1777. They had six children, all daughters. Eunice, his eldest dau., was murdered 21 July, 1786, when only six years and six months old. The murdered child was found lying under a wall in a lot near the road at the top of the hill leading from "Bolles' Cove" towards New London. Heavy stones were lying on the dead body of the girl, having been thrown down upon her body. Suspicion was soon after directed to an Indian girl named Hannah Occuish, a Pequot less than thirteen years of age, who was living with Widow Rogers, who occupied the old house still standing near the cove. On being questioned the suspected girl confessed the crime. It was a cruel and malicious murder, growing out of a dispute about some patch-work that the little child had, and which the Indian girl wanted, which the child would not give up. The jealous young savage, nursing her envy, and watching for an opportunity of revenge, after a few days had elapsed, came upon the child as she was on her way to school alone, and after coaxing and alluring her into the woods near the road, fell upon her, and beat her to death, and dragging the dead body to the place where it was found, rolled stones from the wall upon it that it might appear that she had accidentally fallen over the wall and the stones



had fallen upon her and killed her. The murderer was tried, convicted, and sentenced to be hung, which was done. The gallows were erected on a hill in the rear of the old meeting-house in New London.

- 75. Sarah, b. about 1782; m. Erastus Chapol.
- 76. Joseph, b. about 1789; m. Betsey Cobb, and had nine children. Sarah, their eighth child, married Stephen Green.
- 77. Ebenezer, b. about                   ; m. Polly Cooley Gilbert, dau. of John Gilbert. He was a mariner and settled in Montville, where he died in 1846. He had eight children. Jeremiah, their fourth child, married Perez Pratt. Emeline, their fifth child, married 1st, Robert Smith; 2d, Robert Fox.

V. JOHN (32), b. 8 July, 1728, son of John Bolles and Lydia Starr; m. Thankful Bolles, his cousin, 30 Oct., 1755. He had two sons and three daughters. He died 28 Aug., 1802.

- 78. John, b. 24 Aug., 1756, never married. He served during the war of the Revolution on board a privateer, was taken prisoner, and died 16 July, 1787, in a prison ship.
- 79. Henry Delamore, b. 3 April, 1760; m. Eunice Raymond, dau. of John Raymond, and died 28 Oct., 1805. Had one child only, John Raymond, who married Julian Hewlitt of Groton.

V. DANIEL (39), b. 4 May, 1736, son of Thomas Bolles and Mary Rogers; m. Lucretia Fargo, dau. of Robert Fargo. He settled in Waterford, where he died in 1818.

#### Children.

- 80. Stephen, b.                   ; m. 1st, Rebecca Lampher of Stonington, and had six children: 1st, Rebecca, b. 8 Dec., 1787; m. David Street of Norwalk, 10 Aug., 1810, and settled in Montville, where he died in 1832. She died 6 July, 1880. They had nine children: 2d, Stephen; 3d, Nathaniel; 4th, Lucretia; 5th, Daniel; 6th, Martin.

81. Martin, b. 1772; m. Amy Dart and had three children: 1st, Lucretia, b. 30 Jan., 1801; 2d, Joshua, b. 19 Aug., 1802; 3d, Robert, b. 22 Aug., 1804. He died 1 Dec., 1805.

V. AMOS (41), b. 15 May, 1739, son of Thomas Bolles and Mary Rogers; m. 1st, Abigail Smith about 1763, by whom he had three children. She died . . . He married for his second wife, Anna Gardner, b. 7 Sept., 1748, dau. of David Gardner, by whom he had six children.

Children by Abigail.

82. Robinson, b.  
83. Amy, b.  
84. Amos, b. 16 Oct., 1769; m. Elizabeth Mills.

Children by Anna.

85. Abel, b.  
86. Daniel, b.  
87. Abigail, b. 14 Aug., 1777; m. Bliss Baker 6 Jan., 1799.  
88. Anna, b.  
89. Sarah, b.  
90. Elizabeth, b.

V. JOSEPH (44), b. 24 March, 1736, son of Isaiah Bolles and Lydia Powers; m. Lydia Kirkland 2 Dec., 1760. He settled in New London. They had eight children.

91. Isaiah, b. 30 Oct., 1763, second child, m. Phebe Daniels of Waterford and had fourteen children.  
92. Lydia, b. 1792; m. Edmund Richards.  
93. Abigail, b. 1793, m. 1st, Jacob S. Wright; 2d, Frederick Rogers, and died at Montville.  
94. Mary, b.  
95. Fanny, b.  
96. Joseph, b. 15 Sept., 1798; m. Sarah (Gray) Story.  
97. Gilbert, b.  
98. Hannah, b.  
99. Eliza, b.

- 100. Reuben P., b.                   ; m. Fanny C. Baker.
- 101. Henry D., b.
- 102. William K., b.
- 103. Margaret, b.
- 104. Elijah, b.
- 105. Joshua, b.

V. DAVID (46), b. 14 Jan., 1743, son of Enoch Bolles and Hannah Moore; m. Susanna Moore, dau. of Jonathan Moore, 10 Jan., 1765. He was a farmer, tanner, and currier, but later in life became a Baptist minister. He was among the first preachers in the Baptist Church at Hartford, of which his brother John was so long its deacon. He died at Enfield, 14 Feb., 1807. She died 2d Nov., 1807.

#### Children.

- 106. David, b. 26 Sept., 1765; m. Elizabeth Daw.
- 107. Mathew, b. 21 April, 1769; m. Anna Hubbard.
- 108. Ebenezer, b. 28 March, 1772; died young.
- 109. Charles, b. 19 Feb., 1775; died in 1790.
- 110. Augustus, b. 28 Dec., 1776; m. 1st, Fanny Trowbridge, 27 Nov., 1798, by whom he had seven children. She died 9 April, 1841. He then married Esther (Baker) Wheeler, widow of Nathaniel Wheeler of Montville, 27 Feb., 1842. She died at Montville. He was a Baptist minister, and died at Colchester.

V. HEZEKIAH (60), b. 15 Dec., 1759, son of Joshua Bolles and Joanna Williams; m. Anna Rogers, dau. of John Rogers and Delight Green. He settled first in Great Barrington, Mass., as a farmer, and afterwards removed to Griswold, Conn. He died 12 May, 1828. She died 10 Nov., 1840.

#### Children.

- 111. Eliza, b. 25 Nov., 1791; died at New London in 1846 unmarried.
- 112. Delight R., b. 13 Sept., 1796; m. Ebenezer Williams.
- 113. William, b. 7 Aug., 1800; m. Cornelia C. Palmer.

- 114. Joanna, b. 25 Jan., 1805; m. Ebenezer Williams, 2d wife.
- 115. Joshua, b. 21 Jan., 1808; m. Augusta Wheeler.
- 116. John R., b. 13 Aug., 1810; m. Mary Hempstead; died 1895.

V. CALVIN (67), b. 18 Dec., 1777, son of Samuel Bolles and Margaret Moore; m. 1st, Rebecca Darrow, 24 Oct., 1799, dau. of Lemuel Darrow, son of Zadoc. She died 11 June, 1811. He then married Hester Darrow, a sister of his former wife, 5 Dec., 1811. She died 12 Nov., 1818. He then married Sarah Turner, dau. of Mathew Turner, 1 July, 1819. She died Feb., 1864. He was a farmer, tanner, and currier. He was a justice of the peace in Montville for many years, a man of sound judgment and business qualifications. He died at Montville.

Children by Rebecca.

- 117. Rebecca, b. 14 May, 1803; m. Samuel B. Palmer.
- 118. Margaret, b. 27 Nov., 1805; m. Daniel F. Beebe.
- 119. Francis W., b. 24 July, 1808; m. Nancy C. Morgan of East Haddam, 9 Nov., 1831. She died 30 Nov., 1854. He then married Anna M. Morgan, sister of his former wife, 1 July, 1855.

Children by Hester.

- 120. Harriet, b. 1 July, 1814; m. Albert G. Scholfield.
- 121. John Calvin, b. 18 Sept., 1816; m. Eunice Buddington. He is a physician; has practiced in Montville for many years. Is now living (1896).

V. ZEBEDIAH (42), b. 11 June, 1743, son of Thomas Bolles and Mary Rogers; m. Margaret Green, dau. of Benjamin Green, in 1803. He died 29 June, 1817. She died 29 Aug., 1813.

Children.

- 122. Diana, b. 10 May, 1806; m. Daniel Williams, 29 May, 1825. He was a cabinet maker. They had a daughter, Susan E., who married Dr. Rufus W. Mathewson

of Durham, Conn. They had six children. Earl, Rufus, Mary, Amelia, Randolph, and Susan. Both Dr. Rufus Mathewson and his son, Dr. Earl Mathewson, were practicing physicians in Montville at different dates.

123. Margaret, b. 1813; m. Ralph Hurlburt of Gales Ferry. He was a farmer, and they had five children; Ralph W., Mary A., Tabitha E., George W., and Henry W.

VI. JOHN RAYMOND (79), b. 27 Sept., 1787, son of Henry Delamore Bolles and Eunice Raymond; m. Julian Hewlitt of Groton. He was a mariner and whaling master. Settled at Waterford. He died suddenly. She died in 1855.

#### Children.

124. John, b. 11 Sept., 1820; m. Nancy Chapman and had six children, John, Isabella, Alice, Elizabeth, Walter, and Charles.
125. Julian, b. 3 April, 1822; m. Lyman Richards.
126. Henry D., b. 8 March, 1824; m. Almira Latimer 16 May, 1847. Had two sons, Henry and Franklin. He was a mariner, now living (1896) near Comstock's Wharf.
127. Stephen, b. 9 Nov., 1825; m. Hannah M. Avery, 31 Aug., 1856. He was a whaling master. Now living in 1896.
128. Francis, b. 2 June, 1827; m. Austin Benham of Waterford. Had six children.

VI. AMOS (84), b. 16 Oct., 1769, son of Amos Bolles and Abigail Smith; m. Elizabeth Mills. He was knocked overboard by the boom of a vessel and drowned.

#### Children.

129. Alfred, b. 3 June, 1795; m. Julia Stoddard, 8 July, 1821. He was a farmer and carpenter. He died 10 Jan., 1895. He had 1st, Ellen S., b. 9 Aug., 1824; m. William M. Ackley, 23 Oct., 1854, and had one

son, Edward, b. 15 June, 1856; 2d, Emeline F., b. 19 Oct., 1826; m. Erasmus Darwin Rogers, 11 May, 1848; 3d, Amos, b. 25 June, 1829; 4th, Nelson, b. 2 May, 1839.

130. Orlando, b. ; m. Ellen Fitch, 18 Jan., 1835, dau. of Adonijah Fitch and Anna Fox. They had son William, b. m. Sturtevant. He was a lawyer and literary writer; was for a time editor of the Norwich Bulletin. His wife obtained a divorce from him in the Superior Court, held at Norwich at its September term, in 1881.

131. Emily, b. ; m. Capt. Calvin Stoddard.

VII. JOSEPH (96), b. 15 Sept., 1798, son of Isaiah Bolles and Phebe Daniels; m. Widow Sarah (Gray) Story, 3 June, 1830. He settled at Montville, and lived near Comstock's Wharf. He died .

#### Children.

132. Jane E., b. 28 Sept., 1831; m.  
 133. Frances L., b. 10 March, 1833; m. Julia Holdridge.  
 134. Jared, b. 26 May, 1835; m. Clarrissa Comstock.  
 135. Reuben C., b. 30 July, 1837; m.  
 136. Almira A., b. 26 Dec., 1839.  
 137. Mary C., b. 25 June, 1842; died 25 June, 1844.

VIII. JARED (134), b. 26 May, 1835, son of Joseph Bolles and Sarah (Gray) Story; m. 16 Dec., 1860, Clarrissa Comstock, dau. of William Comstock and Mary E. Hewitt. He settled at Montville, was dock master at Comstock's Wharf, and mail carrier from Montville Station to Gales Ferry. Both living in 1896.

#### Children.

138. Reuben C., b. 1 Jan., 1863; m. Berthia King.  
 139. Lucian, b. 21 Jan., 1866; living at Norwich in 1896.  
 140. Charlotte I., b. 18 Jan., 1870.  
 141. Gertrude A., b. 27 March, 1878.

## CONGDON FAMILIES.

Benjamin Congdon appears to have first settled in Rhode Island, where, on the 20th day of September, 1671, he bought of William Brenton, Benedict Arnold, and others, 230 acres of land in Narragansett, but did not occupy it for several years after. He was made a freeman in 1677, being born about 1650. It is not ascertained who his parents were, or whether he was born in this country. In 1679 he received a deed of 200 acres of land in Narragansett, being part of 7,630 acres laid out by Samuel Wilber to Jirch Bull and 24 others. On the 20th day of Oct., 1683, he sold to John Sheldon the 230 acres he purchased of William Brenton and Benedict Arnold, for £7. In the deed he styled himself, "late of Portsmouth, planter."

His signature was made to deeds, etc., by mark Z, while his son Benjamin signed by mark O. His will was executed July 2, 1715, and proved in the Probate Court Dec. 10, 1718. His executors were his wife, Elizabeth, and son, John. To sons William, John, Benjamin, and James, 5s. each, they having had their portions. To daughter Elizabeth Wells and Susanna Northrop three cows each, and to granddaughter Elizabeth Wells, a cow at decease of his wife. To his wife, the household goods at her disposal, and the farm, orchard, and housing for life. To son John, two cows and a heifer. Benjamin Congdon married Elizabeth Albro, dau. of John Albro and Dorothy . He died Jan. 19, 1718. She died Nov. 15, 1720. Both were buried in the Congdon burial ground at Congdon Hill, near Wickford, R. I. His children were:

2. William, b. ; m. 1st, Mary ; 2d, Margaret , and had children, 1st, Joseph; 2d,

William, b. 25 Jan., 1698; 3d, Margaret; 4th, Elizabeth; 5th, Abigail; m. Reynolds; he died in 1761.

3. Benjamin, b. ; m. 1 Dec., 1701, Frances Stafford, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Holden) Stafford, and had children, 1st, Benjamin, b. 20 Oct., 1702; 2d, Francis, b. 6 Dec., 1703; 3d, Joseph, b. 15 Feb., 1705; 4th, John, b. 23 Sept., 1706; 5th, Sarah, b. 26 June, 1708; 6th, William, b. 6 Nov., 1711; 7th, James, b. 13 May, 1713; 8th, Elizabeth, b. 8 April, 1715; 9th, Mary, b. 10 March, 1718; 10th, Susanna, b. 7 Feb., 1720; 11th, Strikely, b. 11th Dec., 1722.
4. John, b. ; m. Mary Smith, dau. of Jeremiah and Mary (Gercardy) Smith.
5. James, b. 19 April, 1686; m. 1st, Margaret Eldred; 2d, Dorcas Westcott, 15 Nov., 1739; 3d, Widow Mary Dorcas Taylor, widow of Joseph Taylor. Children by first wife were 1st, James; 2d, Penelope; 3d, Benjamin; 4th, Samuel; 5th, William; 6th, John; 7th, Elizabeth; 8th, Martha; 9th, Margaret, b. in 1725. Children by second wife are 10th, Ephraim; 11th, Dorcas; 12th, Joseph. By third wife, 13th, Robert; 14th, Susanna; 15th, Phebe. He died 27 Sept., 1757.
6. Elizabeth, b. ; m. John Wells and had children, 1st, John; 2d, Benjamin; 3d, Mercy; 4th, Elizabeth; 5th, daughter; 6th, Susanna. She died in 1732. He died same year.
7. Susanna, b. ; m. David Northrup, and had children, 1st, David; 2d, Stephen; 3d, Benjamin; 4th, Robert.

II. JOHN (4), b. , son of Benjamin Congdon and Elizabeth Albro; m. Mary Smith, dau. of Jeremiah and Mary (Gereardy) Smith. He was at Kings Town, R. I., 17 May, 1710, where he and others bought 2,000 acres of the vacant land in Narragansett. He was connected with his mother as executors of his father's will, and settled the estate. It is presumed that he left Rhode Island after his father's death, and with his family removed into Connecticut. His children were all born in Rhode Island.



## Children.

8. Jeremiah, b. about 1700; m. Ann Chapel of New London.
9. Mary, b. about 1703; m.
10. John, b. about 1705; m. Mehitabel Gardner.
11. James, b. ; m.

III. JEREMIAH (8), b. about 1700, son of John (4) and Mary Smith; m. 16 Dec., 1725, Ann Chapel, dau. of John Chapel and Sarah Lewis. Mr. Congdon appears to have settled in the North Parish of New London as early as 1729. His farm lay along the southerly side of Oxoboxo Brook, a little west of Uncasville, a portion of which is now owned by the Pequot Company. His will was approved Aug. 29, 1778, about which time he probably died. It does not appear from any record found where either he or his wife died, or where they were buried.

## Children.

12. John, b. ; m. Ann Mirick.
13. Susanna, b. ; m. James Rogers, 12 March, 1751.
14. Mary, b.
15. Martha, b. ; m. Joseph Rogers, 23 Jan., 1754.
16. Elizabeth, b. ; m. Peleg Church.

III. JOHN (10), b. about 1705, son of John (4) and Mary Smith; m. 1735, Mehitabel Gardner, b. 22 May, 1715, dau. of Stephen Gardner and Amy Sherman.

## Children.

17. Jeremiah, b. 27 Aug., 1736.
18. Eunice, b. 14 April, 1738; m.
19. Timothy, b. 15 April, 1739.
20. Elisha, b. 5 Aug., 1740.
21. Mehitabel, b. 3d Nov., 1742.

IV. JOHN (12), b. , son of Jeremiah (8) and Ann Chapel; m. Ann Mirick, b. about 1733, dau. of

Elisha Mirick and Grace Rogers. He received from his father by will the homestead at Montville, where he was a farmer, and where he died about .

Children.

- 22. John, b. ; m.
- 23. David, b. 25 Aug., 1756; m. 1st, Abigail Baker, 24 March, 1780; 2d, Mary Bishop, 29 Jan., 1784.
- 24. Peggy, b. 1757; died 26 Nov., 1815.
- 25. Eunice, b. 1759; m. Andrew Maples.

V. DAVID (23), b. 25 Aug., 1756, son of John (12) and Ann Mirick; m. 1st, Abigail Baker, b. 25 April, 1760, dau. of Joshua Baker and Abigail Bliss. She had one son, and died Feb. 11, 1781. He afterwards married Mary Bishop, b. . He was a farmer, and lived on the homestead left to him by his father. He built the house that is now standing on the old homestead in 1802. He was deacon of the Baptist Church, called the Palmer Church, until it became extinct, and the present Union Baptist Church in Palmertown was organized. His last wife died April 24, 1813. He died Feb. 19, 1850, aged 93 years.

Child by Abigail.

- 26. Jeremiah, b. 23 Feb., 1781, died 11 Sept., 1784.

Children by Mary.

- 27. John, b. 21 Dec., 1784; m. Louisa Bishop.
- 28. Abigail, b. 9 Feb., 1787.
- 29. David, b. 22 May, 1789; m. Alma Comstock.
- 30. Stephen, b. 5 Feb., 1792; m. Abby Ann Rogers.
- 31. Anna, b. 15 May, 1794.
- 32. Elisha, b. 5 Feb., 1797; m. Ella Forsyth. She died 6 May, 1825. He died in New York . Had one son, John, who died 20 Jan., 1856.
- 33. Hannah, b. 11 March, 1800; m.
- 34. Nicholas Bishop, b. 30 Nov., 1802; m. Mary P. Hill.
- 35. Joshua, b. 3 Sept., 1805; m. Harriet Bedent. After his death, 18 Dec., 1840, she married Joseph Moxley.

VI. JOHN (27), b. 21 Dec., 1784, son of David (23) and Mary Bishop; m. Louisa Bishop, dau. of Jonathan Bishop. He lived on Fisher's Island about 1825, afterwards removed to New London, where he died.

Children.

36. Joseph, b. ; m. 1st, widow Pool; 2d, widow  
 37. Mary, b. ; died unmarried.  
 38. David, b. ; m.

VI. DAVID (29), b. 22 May, 1789, son of David (23) and Mary Bishop; m. Alna Comstock, dau. of Nathan Comstock and Mary Rogers. He lived at Montville and died there. His widow afterwards married William Walden.

Children by 1st husband.

39. Nathan, b.  
 40. Jeremiah, b. . Lost at sea.  
 41. Gilbert L., b. ; m. Caroline Cummings.

VI. NICHOLAS B. (34), b. 30 Nov., 1802, son of David and Mary Bishop; m. 20 Sept., 1827, Mary Park Hill, dau. of Charles Hill and Sybel Fox. He was a farmer and occupied the homestead farm, which had been in the name for four generations. He died 19 Dec., 1843. She died 18 Dec., 1870.

Children.

42. Samuel Hill, b. 20 June, 1828; m. Sarah Ann Daniels.  
 43. Henry Nicholas, b. 20 Dec., 1829; died in infancy.  
 44. Mary Ann, b. 21 Aug., 1831; died in infancy.  
 45. Joel Nicholas, b. 27 April, 1833; m. 1st, Salina Mawaring; 2d, Mary Northrop.  
 46. Abby Lamb, b. 22 Feb., 1834; m. 1st, John Fowler, and had one son, Frank, b. 21 Dec., 1856; 2d, John Smith.  
 47. John Bishop, b. 23 Dec., 1836; m. Fanny White.  
 48. Louisa Bishop, b. 8 March, 1839; m. 1st, Elisha Mitchell; 2d, Jared S. Rogers.  
 49. Hannah Fuller, b. 20 Jan., 1840; died in infancy.  
 50. Ellen, b. 26 July, 1843; m. Nicholas Church.

## FARGO FAMILIES.

Moses Fargo first appears at New London about 1680, and afterwards at Norwich in 1690. In 1694 he obtained a grant of land "on the hill above the rock where his house stands." He was one of the proprietors of the town of Norwich who came later, and were added to those of the original. He afterwards, about 1722, appears among the inhabitants of the North Parish of New London, now Montville, where he settled with his family of nine children. His descendants have been quite numerous, and several are still residents of the town. The name of his wife was Sarah. Two of his sons, Thomas and Aaron, were baptized by Rev. James Hillhouse and joined the church. He died in 1726.

### Children.

2. Sarah, b. 19 June, 1680.
3. Mary, b. 6 June, 1681.
4. Ann, b. 2 March, 1684.
5. Patience, b. 9 May, 1688; m. Stephen Maples.
6. Moses, b. 9 April, 1691.
7. Ralph, b. 18 Aug., 1693.
8. Robert, b. 30 Sept., 1696.
9. Thomas, b. 9 Nov., 1699.
10. Aaron, b. 9 Dec., 1702.

ROBERT (8), son of Moses Fargo and Sarah, m. .  
Settled in Montville near the site of the "Old Palmer Church."

### Children.

11. Robert, b. about 1725; m. Prudence Stanton.
12. Joshua, b. ; m. Mary Bliss, dau. of Pelatiah Bliss.

- 13. Moses, b. ; m. Mary Turner.
- 14. Daniel, b. ; m. Hannah Bishop, dau. of Eleazer Bishop.
- 15. Jason, b. ; m. Lucy .
- 16. Lucretia, b. about 1736; m. Daniel Bolles.
- 17. Mary, b. ; m. David Dart.

ROBERT (11), son of Robert Fargo and , m. 1 July, 1756, Prudence Stanton, dau. of Thomas Stanton of Groton, Conn. He was called Elder, and was a Baptist preacher in the old Morse Church, afterwards called the Elder Palmer Church. He died 10 April, 1794. She died 19 July, 1818, aged 84 years.

#### Children.

- 18. Sarah, b. 25 April, 1757.
- 19. Amy, b. 13 Sept., 1758.
- 20. Moses, b. about 1760; removed to Sandisfield, Mass.
- 21. Mary, b. about 1762; m. Mathew Turner.
- 22. Stanton, b. about 1764; m. Fanny Comstock.
- 23. Robert, b. ; m. Prudence Whipple.
- 24. Nehemiah, b. ; m. Mary Chapman, dau. of Alpheus Chapman.

MOSES (13), son of Robert Fargo and ; m. 14 Feb., 1762, Mary Turner, dau. of Thomas Turner.

#### Children.

- 25. Jabez, b. 27 June, 1763.
- 26. Samuel, b. 6 Nov., 1765.
- 27. Moses, b. 16 Sept., 1767.
- 28. Thomas, b. 19 May, 1769; m. Ann Mercy Comstock.

STANTON (22), son of Robert Fargo and Prudence Stanton, m. , Fanny Comstock, dau. of Elisha Comstock. He was a farmer, and occupied the old Fargo homestead in Montville. His wife fell into the fire and was severely burned, causing her death.

## Children.

29. Elijah, b. 30 Nov., 1787; m. Nancy Brown; had a son  
Martin, whose dau., Mary, m. John R. Comstock.
30. Prudence, b. ; m. Prentis Church.
31. Elisha, b. ; never married.
32. Stanton, b. ; m. Prudence Day.
33. Robert, b. about 1795; died unmarried at Alushouse  
in 1835.
34. Lucrotia, b. ; m. John Brown.
35. Almira, b. ; m. Simcon Church.
36. Polly, b. ; m. Charles Brown.
37. Amy, b. about 1800; m. Benjamin Lester.
38. Nancy, b. ; m. Levi Humphrey.

ROBERT (23), son of Robert Fargo and Prudence Stanton; m. Prudence Whipple, dau. of Titus Whipple. He settled in Lyme, in that part of the town afterwards set off to Salem, where he died.

## Children.

39. Sarah, b. about 1796; m. William Buck.
40. Robert, b. 12 Feb., 1799; m. Almira Turner.
41. Moses, b. about 1800.

Moses Fargo, who married Hannah Lampher in 1763, and whose children's births are recorded in New London, cannot be connected with either of the foregoing families, but it is supposed that he was the son of either Joshua (12), or Daniel (14).

## Children.

42. Daniel, b. 9 March, 1764.
43. Mathew, b. 3 Nov., 1765.
44. Mary, b. 16 Aug., 1767.
45. Nancy, b. 9 June, 1769.
46. Hannah, b. 1 April, 1771.
47. Moses, b. 13 Jan., 1773.
48. Elizabeth, b. 10 Aug., 1774.
49. Lydia, b. 12 Nov., 1776.
50. Elizabeth, b. 1 Jan., 1781.
51. Esther, b. 1 July, 1783.

## COMSTOCK FAMILIES.

William Comstock, the ancestor of the Comstock families in Montville, Miss Caulkins says, "came from Hartford in 1649, and lived to old age in his house upon Post Hill," New London. His wife Elizabeth was aged fifty-five in 1663. He is supposed to have come to this country between the years 1630 and 1637, and first settled near Boston and afterwards removed to Hartford. His property in New London was inherited by his son Daniel and grandson William, son of John. Miss Caulkins thinks it probable that Daniel and John were the only children of William Comstock, Sr.

From sources which appear reliable, it would appear that William Comstock and Elizabeth, his wife, had six children when he removed to Hartford, and all born previous to his immigration into this country, viz.: John, Elizabeth, Daniel, Samuel, Christopher, and Gideon. John settled in Lyme, Samuel in Providence, Daniel and Gideon in New London, and Christopher in Norwalk. That Samuel settled in Providence is quite certain, for the records show that about 1646, or a little subsequent to that time, Daniel Comstock claimed twenty-five acres of land in Providence, R. I. It is said that he was only about 16 years old at the time, and went to New London with a friend and settled there. At this time Samuel was in trouble at Hartford, and was released from his bond to keep the peace in 1649. On March 1, 1654, Samuel Comstock appears upon the records at Providence as the purchaser of a house and lot, and in 1655 he appears to have had some difficulty, and the person who had given bonds for him was allowed to settle the case. This Samuel Comstock married Ann of Providence in 1650. He had a son, Samuel, born 1654, and great-grandson Gideon, b. 4 Nov., 1709.

Noah D. Comstock, a descendant of Samuel of the seventh generation, was a resident of Arcadia, Wis., in 1877.

John Comstock m. Abigail and has had numerous descendants.

Gideon Comstock had children baptized in New London 9 April, 1671, viz.: Daniel, Mary, Sarah, Hope, Zipporah, Elizabeth, Bethia, and Hannah. On the 6 Nov., 1671, was baptized Patience; Bethia m. Daniel Stebbins.

#### Children of William Comstock.

2. John, b. ; m. Abigail .
3. Elizabeth, b. ; m.
4. Daniel, b. 1630; m.
5. Samuel, b. ; m. Ann .
6. Christopher, b. ; m.
7. Gideon, b. ; m.

II. JOHN (2), b. , son of William Comstock and Elizabeth ; m. Abigail . He settled in Lyme, Conn., where he died .

#### Children.

8. Abigail, b. 12 April, 1662; m. Moses Huntley 18 Jan., 1680.
9. Elizabeth, b. 9 June, 1665.
10. William, b. 9 July, 1669; m. Neomy 10 Sept., 1695.
11. Christian, b. 11 Dec., 1671.
12. Hannah, b. 22 Jan., 1673.
13. John, b. 30 Sept., 1676.
14. Samuel, b. 6 July, 1678.

II. DANIEL (4), b. about 1630, son of William Comstock and Elizabeth ; m. Paltiah, dau. or step-daughter of John Elderkin. He settled in New London, and purchased in 1664 a farm on Saw Mill Brook (Oxoboxo) in the vicinity of the present village of Uncasville, a portion of which has



continued in the Comstock families down to the present time. The Comstock Cemetery is located on a portion of this land. Soon after he settled on his purchase a bounty was offered on the inhabitants of New London of twenty shillings per head for wolves killed. These perilous animals infested the swamps and woods in the north and west part of the town, and were very troublesome to the new settlers. Mr. Comstock, on one occasion killed one of these animals, and received the bounty offered. He died in 1683. It is not known from the records how many children he had. On the church records of New London there are but two entries of the baptism of his children; these are

15. Kinsley, bap. 2 Nov., 1673; m.
16. Samuel, bap. 1677; m. 1st, Sarah Douglas; 2d, Martha Jones.

II. GIDEON (7), b. son of William Comstock and Elizabeth ; m. His children are here recorded in the order of their baptism.

#### Children.

17. Daniel, bap. in New London, 9 April, 1671; m. Elizabeth Prentice.
18. Mary, bap. in New London, 9 April, 1671.
19. Sarah, bap. in New London, 9 April, 1671.
20. Hope, bap. in New London, 9 April, 1671.
21. Zipporah, bap. in New London, 9 April, 1671.
22. Elizabeth, bap. in New London, 9 April, 1671.
23. Berthia, bap. in New London, 9 April, 1671; m. Daniel Stobbins.
24. Hannah, bap. in New London, 9 April, 1671; m. John Forsyth.
25. Patience, bap. 6 Nov., 1671.

III. KINSLEY (15), bap. 2 Nov., 1673, son of Daniel Comstock and Paltiah ; m. It is not ascertained how many children he had. The only record found is the baptism of Kinsley Comstock and his sister Mary, and

are supposed to be his children. They united with the church on the same day, and that one of his children was baptized May 3, 1719.

Children.

- 26. Kinsley, b. ; m. Rachel Crocker.
- 27. Mary, b.
- 28. Daniel, b. 1715; m. Mary Chapel.

III. SAMUEL (16), bap. in 1677, son of Daniel Comstock and Paltiah ; m. 1st, Sarah Douglas. She died about 1704. He afterwards married Martha Jones. He settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville. He was a farmer. He died May, 1757, aged 84 years. She died 12 Dec., 1756, aged 85 years. Both were interred in the old society burying-ground on Raymond Hill.

Children by Sarah.

- 28. Samuel, b. about 1700, m.
- 29. Christopher, b.

Children by Martha.

- 30. Nathaniel, b. 7 June, 1706; m. Margaret Fox.
- 31. Gideon, b. Jan., 1708; m. Hannah Allen.
- 32. Zebediah, b. June, 1710; m. Berthia Prentis.
- 33. Caleb, b. about 1713; m. Martha Brown.
- 34. Martha, b. ; m. Joseph Atwell, 1728.
- 35. Jonathan, b. about 1720.

III. DANIEL (17), bap. 9 April, 1671, son of Gideon Comstock and . He married, 23 May, 1700, Elizabeth Prentis. He settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, in the vicinity of Uncasville. Many of his descendants have, since his death, lived and owned land in this vicinity. He died about 1746. His will was admitted to probate in New London, 28 May, 1746.

Children.

- 36. Peter, b. 4 March, 1702; m. Martha Avery.
- 37. Daniel, b. 22 Sept., 1703; m. Elizabeth Avery, 30 Dec., 1731.

- 38. John, b. 12 Sept., 1705; m. Mary Lee.
- 39. Thomas, b. 25 March, 1710.
- 40. James, b. 16 June, 1712; m. Hannah Allen, 17 April, 1738.
- 41. Jonathan, b. 28 July, 1714; died about 1756.
- 42. Elizabeth, b. 2 Aug., 1717; m. Ebenezer Waterman.

IV. KINSLEY (26), b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of Kinsley Comstock and \_\_\_\_\_; m. 18 Sept., 1717, Rachel Crocker. He probably settled in the North Parish, as a number of his children were baptized there, and their names appear on the church records.

#### Children.

- 43. Rachel, bap. 2 Oct., 1720; m. John Brown.
- 44. Joseph, bap. 10 Feb., 1723; m. Althea Bliss.
- 45. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ m. Stephen Baker.
- 45a. Jemima, b. about 1723; m. Richard Chapel.

IV. DANIEL (28), b. about 1715, son of Kinsley Comstock and \_\_\_\_\_; m. 7 July, 1736, Mary Chapel, dau. of Joseph Chapel. He settled at Montville. He was a farmer, and died at Montville.

#### Children.

- 46. Elisha, b. 30 May, 1737; m. Ann Fox.
- 47. Mary, b. 27 April, 1740.
- 48. Ebenezer, b. 12 July, 1742; died in 1762.
- 49. Desire, b. 24 Nov., 1744.
- 50. Jemima, b. 8 April, 1749; m.
- 51. Daniel, b. 14 Dec., 1750; m. Susan Newberry.

IV. NATHANIEL (30), b. 7 June, 1706, son of Samuel Comstock and Martha Jones; m. 8 Feb., 1728, Margaret Fox, dau. of Samuel Fox and Margaret Brintnel. He was a farmer and settled at Montville. He was chosen an Elder in the Congregational Church in 1750. He died 24 Oct., 1791. She died 31 Dec., 1798, aged 90 years. Both were interred in the cemetery on Raymond Hill.

## Children.

- 52. Amy, b. 15 July, 1729; m. Justin Ransom.
- 53. Sarah, b. 17 Aug., 1731; m. Jonathan Smith.
- 54. Martha, b. 29 Jan., 1734; died 14 March, 1743.
- 55. Margaret, b. 15 Feb., 1736; m. Prentico.
- 56. Bridget, b. 20 June, 1738; m. Samuel Bradford.
- 57. Nathaniel, b. 5 July, 1740; m. 1st, Sarah Bradford;  
2d, Ann Stark.
- 58. Mathew, b. 27 Feb., 1742; died 3 March, 1772.
- 59. Samuel, b. 11 Feb., 1746; died in 1777.
- 60. Eliphalet, b. 23 Jan., 1748.
- 61. Eleanor, b. 2 July, 1750; died 27 May, 1769.
- 62. Martha, b. 3 Nov., 1753; died in Sept., 1829, unm.
- 63. Jared, b. 13 March, 1755; m. Rachel Chester.

IV. GIDEON (31), b. Jan., 1708, son of Samuel Comstock and Martha Jones; m. Hannah Allen, dau. of Samuel Allen and Lydia Hastings. He was a farmer and settled at Montville.

## Children.

- 64. Lancaster, b. about 1724; m. Mary Smith, 2 May, 1754.
- 65. Gideon, b. about 1727; m. Delana Turner.
- 66. Jeremiah, bap. 29 Jan., 1729.
- 67. Rufus, b. about 1732.
- 68. Kingsland, b. about 1734. Settled at Great Barrington, Mass.
- 68a. Lydia, bap. 23 Oct., 1739.
- 69. Ezekiel, b. 14 Dec., 1747. Settled in Nova Scotia.

IV. ZEBEDIAH (32), b. June, 1710, son of Samuel Comstock and Martha Jones; m. 11 July, 1743, Berthia Prentice.

## Children.

- 70. Berthia, b. 10 June, 1744; m.
- 71. Mary, b. 23 March, 1745; m. James Rogers.
- 72. Martha, b. 8 Jan., 1748.
- 73. Zebediah, b. 15 Dec., 1751; m. Parthenia Alexander.

IV. CALEB (33), b. about 1713, son of Samuel Comstock and Martha Jones; m. 2 Jan., 1767, Martha Brown.

## Child.

74. Dyer, b. 20 Nov., 1767; m. Betsey Brooks, 19 Feb., 1792.

IV. PETER (36), b. 4 March, 1702, son of Daniel Comstock and Elizabeth Prentis; m. Martha Avery, dau. of Samuel Avery and Elizabeth Ransford. He was a seaman, and lived in Montville. He died at sea in 1742. She afterwards married Peletiah Bliss.

## Children.

75. Elizabeth, b. ; m. Jonathan Chapel, 25 March, 1742.  
 76. Jeremiah, bap. 3 April, 1724.  
 77. Martha, bap. 6 April, 1729.  
 78. Peter, b. 11 July, 1731; m. 1st, Elizabeth Fitch; 2d, Esther Mirick.  
 79. Daniel, b. ; m. Mary Bishop.  
 80. Thomas, b. ; m. Sarah Comstock.  
 81. Ransford, b. 6 March, 1737; m. Catherine Vibber.

IV. JOHN (38), b. 12 Sept., 1705, son of Daniel Comstock and Elizabeth Prentice; m. Mary Lee. He was a farmer and settled in Montville.

## Children.

82. Nathan, b. 11 Aug., 1730; m. Mary Green.  
 83. John, b. 24 June, 1734; m. Eunice Stoddard.  
 84. Lucy, b. 30 Dec., 1737; m. Samuel Morgan.  
 85. Mary, b. 28 April, 1743; m. James Avery.  
 86. Asa, b. 27 Aug., 1745; m.  
 87. Joshua, b. 19 April, 1752; died March, 1763.

IV. JAMES (40), b. 16 June, 1712, son of Daniel Comstock and Elizabeth Prentice; m. 23 March, 1737, Hannah Allen, dau. of Samuel Allen. He settled at Montville and lived near the cove at Uncasville. He was killed at the storming of the Fort Griswold by the English, 6 Sept., 1781. A monument was erected to his memory by his grandson, Robert Comstock, in the Comstock Cemetery.

## Children.

- 88. John, b. 2 May, 1739; m. Margaret Vibber.
- 89. William, b. 2 Nov., 1741; m. Lucy Davis.
- 90. Sarah, b. 7 Nov., 1743; m. 1st, Thomas Comstock; 2d, Edward Long; 3d, James Cowden; 4th, Burgess Hall.
- 91. James, b. 19 Sept., 1745; died young.
- 92. Simcon, b.                   ; m.                   . Settled in Groton.
- 93. Elizabeth, bap. 5 Jan., 1748; m. Nathaniel Adams, Jr., 1770.
- 94. James, b. 7 March, 1750; m. Amy Church.

V. JOSEPH (44), bap. 10 Feb., 1723, son of Kinsley Comstock and Althea Bliss, dau. of Poletiah Bliss and Sarah Harris.

## Child.

- 95. Joseph, b. 4 June, 1749.

V. ELISHA (46), b. 30 May, 1737, son of Daniel Comstock and Mary Chapel, m. Anna Fox, dau. of Samuel Fox and Abigail Harris. He was a farmer, and owned a tract of land near Uncasville, a portion of which is now owned and occupied by Ezra F. Dart.

## Children.

- 96. Mary, b.                   ; m. Phineas Atwood.
- 97. Amy, b.                   ; m.                   Edwards.
- 98. Fanny, b.                   ; m. Stanton Fargo.
- 98a. Ann Mercy, b.                   ; m. Thomas Fargo.
- 99. Henrietta, b. 8 Feb., 1783; m. ——— Vincent.
- 100. Ebenezer, b. 15 Jan., 1780; m. 1st, Desire Comstock; 2d, Hannah                   .
- 101. Peregreen, b.                   ; m.                   . He was drowned at Scotch Cap by the capsizing of a boat.

V. DANIEL (51), b. 14 Dec., 1750, son of Daniel Comstock and Mary Chapel; m. Susan Newberry. He settled in Montville, and lived on the place now owned and occupied by Tracy Church.

## Children.

- 102. Desire, b. about 1780; m. Moses Tracy.
- 103. Anna, b. 27 Jan., 1782; m. James Scholfield.
- 104. Susan, b. 20 Dec., 1783; m. John Layard.
- 105. Elisha, b. 28 Nov., 1785; m. Polly Beckwith.

V. NATHANIEL (57), b. 5 July, 1740, son of Nathaniel Comstock and Margaret Fox; m. Sarah, dau. of John Bradford and Esther Sherwood. He was a farmer, and lived on the homestead of his father on Raymond Hill, now owned by John Manwaring's heirs. She died 17 March, 1768, leaving two children. He afterwards married Anna Stark, May, 1778. She died 3 Dec., 1829. He died 23 Dec., 1829.

## Children by Sarah.

- 106. Sarah, b. about 1760; m. Samuel Hillhouse.
- 107. Perez, b. 8 May, 1764; m. Abby Raymond, 1 Nov., 1787.

## Children by Anna.

- 108. Peggy, b. 26 March, 1779.
- 109. Anna, b. 28 Jan., 1781; m. Justin Ransom.
- 110. Charlotte, b. 10 June, 1783; m. Daniel F. Raymond.
- 111. Sophia, b. 29 Aug., 1785; died 3 April, 1851; unm.
- 112. Mary, b. 19 Feb., 1787; m. Oliver Raymond.
- 113. Nathaniel, b. 14 Nov., 1790; m. Almira Fox. He died at Colchester, 24 April, 1856, without issue.

V. JARED (63), b. 13 March, 1755, son of Nathaniel Comstock and Margaret Fox; m. Rachel Chester, dau. of Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Otis. He was a farmer, and owned at one time a farm on the old Colchester road. He afterwards lived on the farm now owned by James H. Baker. He united with the church at Montville, 17 Aug., 1788, and was chosen deacon in 1800. He died at Montville, 24 May, 1829. She died 1 Feb., 1842.

## Children.

- 114. Betsey, b. 18 Jan., 1782; m. Daniel Prentice.
- 115. Eleanor, b. 13 Aug., 1784; m. Lamson Fox.
- 116. Rachel, b. 26 Dec., 1786; m. Kellogg.
- 117. Sally, b. 9 Dec., 1787; m. Eliphalet C. Parker, 3 Feb., 1808.
- 118. Amy, bap. 12 April, 1789; died 17 April, 1810.
- 119. Samuel, bap. 3 Oct., 1790; m. Elizabeth Turner.
- 120. Jared, b. 21 Feb., 1792.
- 121. Joseph Chester, b. April, 1794.
- 122. David, b. 23 Aug., 1796; m. 1st, Theodocia Wells; 2d, Almira (Fitch) Baker.
- 123. Isaac, bap. 8 June, 1806; m. Harriet Baker.

V. LANCASTER (64), b. about 1724, son of Gideon Comstock and Hannah Allen; m. 2 May, 1754, Mary Smith, dau. of Jethro Smith.

## Children.

- 124. Peregreen, b. 11 Nov., ; m.
- 125. Anna, b. 9 July, 1759; m. Isaac Turner.
- 125a. Desire, b. 16 Nov., 1763; m. Ebenezer Comstock.
- 125b. Thomas, b. 13 March, 1766.

V. ZEBEDIAH (73), b. 15 Dec., 1751, son of Zebediah Comstock and Berthia Prentice; m. Parthenia Alexander. He was a farmer, and was a near neighbor to Jared Comstock. He died at Montville.

## Children.

- 126. Perthia, b. about 1773; m. Lemuel Baker.
- 127. Mary, b. 15 Jan., 1780; m. Ezra Turner.
- 128. Nancy, b. 26 Sept., 1781; m. Zacheus Wheeler.
- 129. Patty, b. 30 May, 1783; m. Joshua Bishop.
- 130. Zebediah, b. 9 June, 1784; m. Delight Swaddle.
- 131. Caleb, b. 14 Feb., 1786; m. Lucy Dart.
- 132. Alexander, b. 25 Nov., 1789; m. Charlotte (Vallet) Chapel.

V. PETER (78), b. 11 July, 1731, son of Peter Comstock and Martha Avery; m. Sept., 1756, Elizabeth Fitch, dau.



of Adonijah Fitch. He settled at Montville and was a farmer. He was Captain in Col. Latimer's regiment in the Continental Army and was stationed at Fort Trumbull when Arnold entered and burned New London. His wife died about 1772. He afterwards married, 12 May, 1774, Sarah Mirick, dau. of Elijah Mirick. He died at Montville, 3 April, 1803. She died 9 Aug., 1826, aged 84 years.

#### Children by Elizabeth.

- 133. Martha, b. 28 July, 1757; m. Samuel Hill.
- 134. Betsey, b. 3 July, 1759; m. Henry Corning.
- 135. Peter, b. 14 May, 1761.
- 136. George, b. 2 July, 1763; m. Mercy Allen, dau. of Stephen.
- 137. Sarah, b. 20 Sept., 1765.
- 138. Ann, b. 6 April, 1767; m. Andrew Wood.
- 139. Emblem, b. 25 July, 1769; m. Joseph Rice.
- 140. Fitch, b. 3 April, 1771; died 8 Nov., 1810.

#### Children by Sarah.

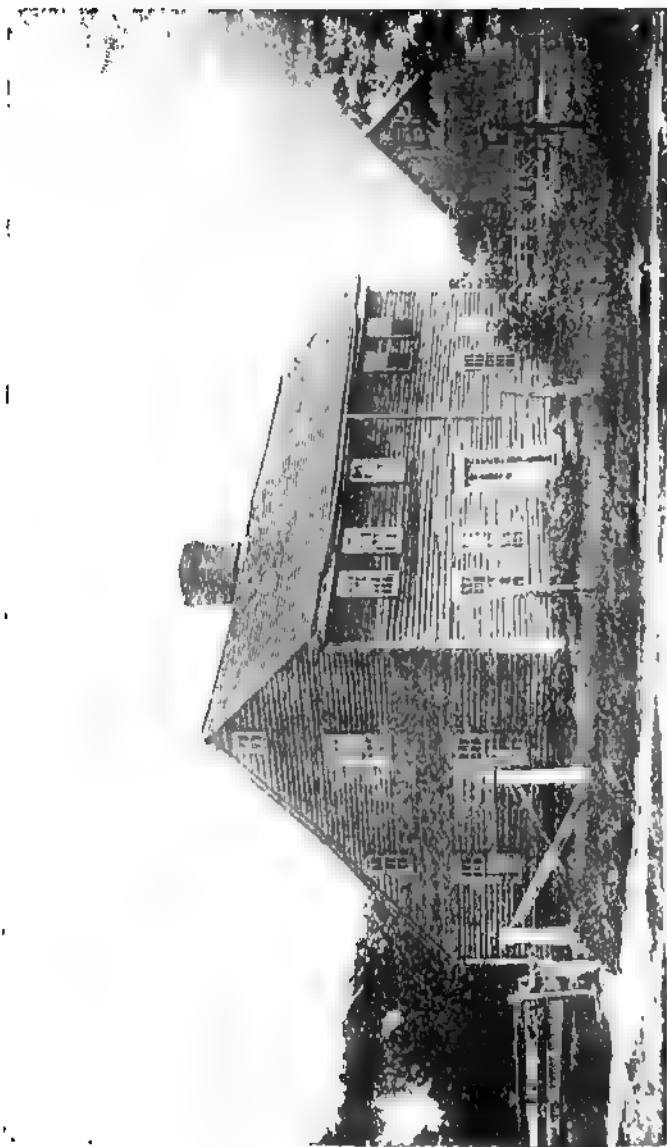
- 141. Elizabeth, b. 8 Sept., 1775; m. Jesse Comstock.
- 142. Sarah, b. 24 Feb., 1777; m. Calvin Bolles.
- 143. Grace, b. 1 Aug., 1778; m. Guy Turner.
- 144. Peter, b. 5 Dec., 1779; m. Sarah Warren.
- 145. Jonathan, b. 8 June, 1781; m. Nancy Ann Turner.
- 146. Elisha Mirick, b. 24 Feb., 1783; m.
- 147. Jeremiah, b. 19 Sept., 1784; died 29 Nov., 1819, unm.
- 148. Esther, b. 9 March, 1786; died 29 March, 1786.
- 149. Amy, b. 4 Feb., 1787; m. William Vallet.
- 150. Esther, b. 3 Sept., 1789; m. Isaac Turner.

V. RANSFORD (81), b. 6 March, 1737, son of Peter Comstock and Martha Avery; m. 13 Dec., 1761, Catherine Vibber, dau. of John Vibber and Amy Copp. She died about 1770. He afterwards married, 2 May, 1782, Azubba Davis.

#### Children by Catherine.

- 151. Amy, b. 28 July, 1762; m. Oliver Comstock.
- 152. Charlotte, b. 8 April, 1765.





NATHAN CONSTOCK HOUSE.

153. Obedience, b. 26 June, 1767.  
 154. Jesse, b. 30 Aug., 1769; m. 1st, Delight Comstock;  
 2d, Elizabeth Comstock.

Children by Azubba.

155. Ransford, b. 25 April, 1782. He removed to the state  
 of New York and had children, Charles, Jesse,  
 Ransford, and Guy.  
 156. Nancy, b. 9 June, 1784; m. David H. Gardner.

V. NATHAN (82), b. 11 Aug., 1730, son of John Comstock and Mary Lee; m. Mary Green, b. 28 Jan., 1732, dau. of Benjamin Green and Amy Chapel. He was a farmer, and owned a tract of land on the river Thames and extending from the river to the old New London and Norwich turnpike near Uncasville.

Children.

157. Nathan, b. 1753; m. Mary Rogers.  
 158. Delight, b. 29 Sept., 1767; m. Jesse Comstock.  
 159. Asa, b. 12 Aug., 1770; m. Mary Avery.

V. JOHN (83), b. 24 June, 1734, son of John Comstock and Mary Lee; m. Eunice Stoddard. He was a lieutenant in the Colonial Army and was killed at the orchard fight on Long Island.

Children.

160. Oliver, b. 1756; m. Amy Comstock.  
 161. Eunice, b. ; m. James Smith.  
 162. Hannah, b. ; m. Abner Beckwith.  
 163. Elkanah, b. 1772, m. Sarah Green, dau. of Benjamin Green, b. 2 Sept., 1777. He died at Montville 13 May, 1834.  
 164. Joshua, b. ; m. Holmes. Had Caleb (married Grace Chapman), Mary, Belinda (married Jesse Chapman), Sarah, Samuel, Joshua, John, Anna, William, Ebenezer.

V. WILLIAM (89), b. 2 Nov., 1741, son of James Comstock and Hannah Allen; m. 12 Feb., 1761, Lucy Davis, dau. of Benjamin Davis.

Children.

- 165. Robert William, b. 16 July, 1762.
- 166. Huldah, b. 10 Nov., 1765.
- 167. Solomon, b. 2 Oct., 1767.

V. JAMES (94), b. 7 March, 1750, son of James Comstock and Hannah Allen; m. 2 Aug., 1773, Amy Church, b. 1 April, 1754, dau. of Jonathan Church. He lived on the homestead formerly owned by his father, near the cove at Uncasville. He died 12 Oct., 1842. She died 10 Sept., 1847. Both were buried in the Comstock Cemetery.

Children.

- 168. James, b. 7 May, 1774; m. Fanny Rogers.
- 169. Amy, b. 28 Oct., 1776; m. David Smith.
- 170. Fairbanks, b. 1 Jan., 1779. Lost at sea 21 Oct., 1813.
- 171. John Rusland, b. 3 March, 1782; m. Sarah Whaley.
- 172. Hannah, b. 3 Aug., 1784; m. Samuel Powers.
- 173. Robert, b. 31 Oct., 1786; died 15 Nov., 1856, unm.
- 174. Amos, b. 14 Aug., 1791; m. 1st, Margary Handen; 2d, Nancy Lester.
- 175. Sarah, b. 28 Aug., 1793; died 28 Oct., 1844, unm.
- 176. Prentis, b. 5 Sept., 1795; m. Melinda M. Banning.
- 177. Harriet, b. 18 Oct., 1797; died 10 April, 1885, unm.

VI. EBENEZER (100), b. 15 Jan., 1780, son of Elisha Comstock and Anna Fox; m. 1st, Desire Comstock, dau. of Lancaster (64); 2d, Hannah Timpson. He first settled at Montville, near the present village of Uncasville. He was a farmer. His father conveyed to him the farm of 110 acres in 1807, on which he lived.

Children by Desire.

- 178. Lucretia, b.
- 179. Catherine, b. ; m. Joseph Powers.

- 180. Fitchie, b. about 1796; m. Erastus Church.
- 181. Nancy, b. ; m. Amos Strickland.
- 182. Desire, b. ; m. Zebediah Maynard.

## Children by Hannah.

- 183. Mary, b. ; m.
- 184. Mark, b. ; m. Sophia Chapman.
- 185. Ebenezer, b.
- 186. Lydia, b.
- 187. Eclecta, b. ; m. Reuben Patterson.
- 188. Anna, b. 1826.
- 189. Elisha, b.
- 190. Artilessa, b. ; m. Davis L. Mead.

VI. PEREZ (107), b. 8 May, 1764, son of Nathaniel Comstock and Sarah Bradford; m. 1 Nov., 1787, Abby Raymond, b. 10 Nov., 1770, dau. of Christopher Raymond and Eleanor Fitch. He was a farmer and settled

## Children.

- 191. Sarah, b. 6 Oct., 1789; m. Joseph P. Jones.
- 192. Christopher Raymond, b. 6 Dec., 1791; m. 1st, Harriet Fuller; 2d, Lois Colton. He had one son, William, and several daughters.
- 193. Bradford, b. 20 April, 1794; died unmarried.
- 194. Abby, b. 10 Nov., 1797; m. Leonard Bidwell, 25 May, 1819. She died 18 July, 1880.
- 195. Mary, b. 16 Feb., 1801; m. Thomas A. Jones, 24 Aug., 1851. She died July, 1880.
- 195a. Nancy, b. 4 July, 1802; m. Ozias Roberts, 26 March, 1823. Died 17 Jan., 1859.
- 196. Ellen, b. 6 Oct., 1810.
- 196a. Sophia, b. 15 July, 1806; m. Robert Nourse.
- 197. Martha, b. 15 March, 1805; m. Levi Wells, 22 Jan., 1830.
- 197a. James Fitch, b. 10 Nov., 1808; m. Elizabeth Stockbridge.
- 197b. Elizabeth, b. 8 Feb., 1814; m. Daniel Goodwin Spencer, 29 Jan., 1842.

VI. SAMUEL (119), bap. 3 Oct., 1790, son of Jared Comstock and Rachel Chester; m. Elizabeth Turner, dau. of Isaac Turner and Anna Comstock. He first settled at Montville, a farmer. He was chosen deacon of the First Congregational Church in 1831. In 1835 he removed to La Roy, in the state of New York. He was then engaged in the mercantile business. He was zealous in the Christian work, and gave largely to the church in that place for the support of the gospel. He died at La Roy much respected, 16 Nov., 1870. She died 5 Feb., 1871.

#### Children.

- 198. Asahel Otis, b. 6 Aug., 1813; m. Fanny B. Wheeler.
- 199. Elizabeth, b. 2 Jan., 1817; died , unmarried.
- 200. Amy, b. 4 July, 1819; died 1835.
- 201. Samuel Francis, b. 29 March, 1825; m. Mary Maria Turner.

VI. DAVID (122), b. 23 Aug., 1797, son of Jared Comstock and Rachel Chester; m. 11 June, 1822, Theodocia Wells. He settled at Montville, was a farmer, and for several years previous to his death owned and lived on the "Jewett Farm." She died 3 Feb., 1838. He then m. Almira (Fitch) Baker, widow of Joshua Baker, Jr., and dau. of Rufus Fitch. He was much respected as a citizen and a Christian, and held several town offices. He died 21 Oct., 1865. She died 6 Nov., 1873.

#### Children by Theodocia.

- 202. Mary Wells, b. 7 Oct., 1823; died young.
- 203. Jared Otis, b. 28 Feb., 1828; died 20 Oct., 1832.
- 204. Sarah, b. 13 Aug., 1835; m. Ezra T. Comstock.

#### Children by Almira.

- 205. David Chester, b. 15 Dec., 1839; m. 1st, Fanny Raymond; 2d, Letetia Landphere.
- 206. Smith, b. 29 March, 1843.
- 207. Fanny, b. 8 March, 1845; m. James M. Raymond.
- 208. Jared, b. 11 July, 1847.

VI. CALEB (131), b. 14 Feb., 1786, son of Zebediah Comstock and Parthenia Alexander; m. Lucy Dart, dau. of David Dart. He was a carpenter and house builder. Settled in Waterford in 1821, and continued his residence there until his death, May 2, 1841, aged 55 years.

Children.

- 209. Emily, b. 20 Dec., 1810; m. John Miner Allen.
- 210. Orlando, b. 19 Oct., 1812; m.
- 211. Cordelia, b. 1 April, 1815; m. Alexander H. Geer.
- 212. John P., b. 5 Dec., 1817; m. Elizabeth Dart.
- 213. Frank B., b. 23 Oct., 1820; m. Hannah Cooley.
- 214. Ezra T., b. 18 Oct., 1822; m. 1st, Sarah R. Comstock;  
2d,
- 215. Stephen, b. 7 Feb., 1825; m. Elizabeth Hemstead.
- 216. George, b. 5 Dec., 1827; died 26 Sept., 1835.
- 217. Allen M., b. 15 Sept., 1830. Lost at sea July,  
1850.
- 218. Lucy J., b. 25 July, 1834; died 20 Aug., 1836.

VI. ZEBEDIAH (130), b. 1 June, 1784, son of Zebediah Comstock and Parthenia Alexander; m. Delight Swaddle, b. 2 Jan., 1788, dau. of William Swaddle and Jemina Chapel. He settled in Montville, was a farmer, and died March, 1862. She died 16 Nov., 1875.

Children.

- 219. Sarah Ann., b. 14 Aug., 1814; m. Joshua Chapel.
- 220. Ariadny, b. 19 Feb., 1825; died young.
- 221. Ulysses M., b. 17 March, 1828; m. Maria Chappell.

VI. ALEXANDER (132), b. 25 Nov., 1789, son of Zebediah Comstock and Parthenia Alexander; m. 5 Nov., 1816, Charlotte (Vallet) Chapel. He settled in Montville, was a farmer. He died 7 Oct., 1862. She died 22 Aug., 1873, aged about 90.

Children.

- 222. Alexander, b. 27 May, 1818; m. Mary R. Walker,  
16 Feb., 1840.
- 223. Aveline, b. ; m. John Carlton.



VI. PETER (144), b. 5 Dec., 1779, son of Peter Comstock and Sarah Mirick, b. about 1742, dau. of Elisha Mirick; m. Sarah Warren, dau. of Hon. Moses Warren of Lyme. He was a merchant, settled in Lyme, and was a prominent man in that town. Was Judge of Probate, and held other offices of trust. He represented the town in both branches of the legislature of this state. He died 29 Oct., 1862.

#### Children.

- 224. Mary Ann, b. 24 Dec., 1809; m. Amos L. Strickland.
- 225. Moses Warren, b.                   ; m. Sarah Griswold.
- 226. Peter A., b.                       ; m. Maria Turner.
- 226a. Eliza, b.                         ; m. James Loomis.
- 226b. Hannah, b.                      ; m. David P. Otis.
- 226c. Lois, b.                         ; m. Leander Beckwith.
- 226d. William H. H., b. 20 March, 1819; m. Eliza A. Smith.
- 226e. John J., b.                      ; m. Emeline Morse.
- 226f. Sarah, b.                        ; died young.

VI. JONATHAN (145), b. 8 June, 1781, son of Peter Comstock and Sarah Mirick; m. Nancy A., dau. of Isaac Turner and Ann Comstock. He settled in Waterford, and was a farmer.

#### Children.

- 227. Emeline, b.
- 228. Maro, b.
- 229. Nancy, b.
- 230. Isaac Turner, b. 4 March, 1811.
- 231. Mary R., b.
- 232. Ellen, b.
- 233. Martha, b.

VI. JESSE (154), b. 30 Aug., 1769, son of Ransford Comstock and Catherine Vibber; m. 1st, Delight Comstock, dau. of Nathan, 25 June, 1791. She died 4 Dec., 1795. He then married 27 June, 1799, Elizabeth Comstock, dau. of Peter. He settled in Montville, where he died, 19 Jan., 1846. She died 26 Jan., 1856.

## Children by Delight.

234. Diodama, b. 26 March, 1792.

235. Polly, b. 6 Feb., 1794.

## Children by Elizabeth.

236. Jesse, b. 10 May, 1803; m. 1st, Frances Newberry;  
2d, Jerusha (Smith) Chapel.

237. Eliza, b. 4 May, 1805; m. Nathan Comstock.

238. Charles, b. 17 March, 1809; m. 1st, Lydia Lester; 2d,  
Mary Lester.

VI. NATHAN (157), b. 1753, son of Nathan Comstock and Mary Green; m. 14 Feb., 1782, Mary, dau. of John Rogers and Delight Green. He settled in Montville. He was taken prisoner by the English in the War of the Revolution, and carried to England, where he was kept in confinement seven years. He finally escaped by stratagem and reached his home at Montville. He died 19 April, 1834. She died 1 July, 1841.

## Children.

239. Elizabeth, b. 14 Aug., 1783; m. John Scholfield.

240. Mary, b. 15 March, 1785; m. Reuben Palmer, Jr.

241. John Rogers, b. 30 Oct., 1786; died 3 June, 1820,  
unmarried.

242. Delight, b. 29 July, 1788; m.

243. Nathan, b. 27 May, 1790; m. Eliza Comstock.

244. Alma, b. 13 Oct., 1792; m. 1st, David Congdon; 2d,  
William Walden.

245. Asa, b. 6 Jan., 1795; m. Sarah W. Strickland.

246. Fanny, b. 9 Jan., 1797; m. Daniel Stoddard.

247. David, b. 19 Nov., 1800; died 5 Jan., 1882, unm.

VI. ASA (159), b. 12 Aug., 1770, son of Nathan Comstock and Mary Green; m. 28 Feb., 1801, Mary Avery, b. 19 Dec., 1779. He was born in Montville, and lived near the river Thames, a short distance above Comstock's Wharf. She died 30 April, 1842. He survived her, and died 2 Nov., 1848.

## Children.

248. William A., b. 13 Aug., 1803; m. Mary E. Hewitt.

249. Reuben, b. 13 March, 1805; died 28 May, 1837.

VI. OLIVER (160), b. about 1756, son of John Comstock and Eunice Stoddard; m. about 1785, Amy, dau. of Ransford Comstock. He was a sea captain, and followed the occupation of seaman. He lived at Montville, and owned the farm formerly occupied by his father. He was a deacon of the Palmer Baptist Church. He died 25 June, 1820. She died 8 Jan., 1839, aged 76 years.

## Children.

250. John, b. 31 Jan., 1785; m. 1st, Sylva Avery; 2d, Nancy Newberry; 3d, Dart.

251. Eunice, b. 22 Nov., 1786; m. Giles Turner.

252. Oliver, b. ; m. Mary Stebbins, 9 Nov., 1815.

253. Amy, b. ; m. George G. Latimer, 17 Feb., 1825.

254. Hannah, b. ; m. Bishop Stebbins, 19 Nov., 1827.

255. Clarrissa, b. 30 Sept., 1783; m. Joseph Adgate.

256. Lois, b. about 1799; died 22 April, 1874, unmarried.

257. Esther, b. about 1790; m. Isaac Turner.

VI. JAMES (168), b. 7 May, 1774, son of James Comstock and Amy Church; m. Fanny, dau. of Joseph Rogers and Martha Congdon. He was a farmer and fisherman, and lived on the homestead near Haughton's Cove. He died 20 June, 1827. She died 22 Dec., 1832, aged 64 years.

## Children.

258. Nancy, b. 11 Oct., 1799; died 11 Jan., 1840, unm.

259. Fanny, b. 13 May, 1801; died Nov., 1888.

260. Almira, b. 4 Aug., 1805; died 11 Oct., 1865; unm.

261. James Nelson, b. 4 Aug., 1808; m. Mary Ann Buddington. Had a son, James Andrew, b. 8 Aug., 1843; m. Mary D. Smith. He died by a pistol shot from his own hand, 1 July, 1895.

VI. JOHN RUSLAND (171), b. 3 March, 1782, son of James Comstock and Amy Church; m. 25 Dec., 1812, Sarah C. Whaley, b. 23 Oct., 1791, dau. of Jonathan Whaley and Mercy Chester. He was a sea captain, and sailed a coasting vessel. He lived in Montville on the farm formerly owned by his wife's father. He died 26 July, 1851. She died 13 Feb., 1873.

Children.

- 262. Mary S., b. 2 Feb., 1814; killed by a lightning stroke, 25 May, 1823.
- 263. Caroline C., b. 23 May, 1816; living in 1896.
- 264. William H. H., b. 17 March, 1819; died 31 May, 1837.
- 265. Sarah, b. 4 Feb., 1822; m. John F. Parkhurst.
- 266. John Rusland, b. 26 Jan., 1824; m. Mary Fargo, 8 Nov., 1846. He died Dec. 11, 1891.

VI. AMOS (174), b. 14 Aug., 1791, son of James Comstock and Amy Church; m. 1st, Margary Hamden; 2d, Nancy Lester. He died 9 July, 1837. After his death his surviving wife married William S. Cardwell of Montville.

Children by Margary.

- 267. Henry, b.
- 268. Harriet, b.
- 269. Fairbanks, b.

Child by Nancy.

- 270. John Lester, b. 5 Jan., 1827; m. Ann M. Hewitt. She died in May, 1871. He then married Fanny E. Palmer, dau. of Marvin Palmer and Hannah Kingsley.

VI. PRENTIS (176), b. 5 Sept., 1795, son of James Comstock and Amy Church; m. Melinda M. Banning, and settled in Lyme. He was a farmer, and was living at Lyme in 1884. He had nine children, viz.: Alexander, Mary, Albert, Ellen, Warren, Angeline, Harriet, William, and Ugenia.

VII. DAVID CHESTER (205), b. 15 Dec., 1839, son of David Comstock and Almira (Fitch) Baker; m. 27 Dec., 1863, Frances A. Raymond, dau. of Richard Raymond and Julia Ann Gardner. He was a farmer, and was living on the farm which was formerly owned by his father at Montville in 1884. After the death of his wife, Nov. 2, 1874, he married for a second wife Letetia Landphere of Colchester.

Children by Frances.

- 271. Minnie R., b. 1 June, 1865; m. Edmund H. Rogers.
- 272. Edwin, b. 21 Aug., 1868; m. Lena Williams.
- 273. Julia, b. 21 Jan., 1872.
- 274. Francis Chester, b. 31 July, 1874; died 20 Feb., 1889.

VII. JESSE (236), b. 10 May, 1803, son of Jesse Comstock and Elizabeth Comstock; m. 25 Feb., 1838, Frances A. Newberry, b. 29 Dec., 1822, dau. of Nathaniel Newberry of Gales Ferry. He settled at Montville and was engaged in seafaring business for many years. Was captain of several small sloops running between Norwich and New York. His wife died 26 March, 1858. He afterwards married Jerusha (Smith) Chapel, widow of James Chapel, 21 March, 1860. He died 8 March, 1880. She died 9 March, 1880. Both buried same day in Comstock Cemetery.

Children by Frances.

- 275. Jesse, b. 11 Dec., 1841; died 18 Dec., 1842.
- 276. Fanny N., b. 24 Oct., 1843.
- 277. Betsey M., b. 20 July, 1846.
- 278. Nathaniel N., b. 28 March, 1848.
- 279. Jesse R., b. 15 Feb., 1850.
- 280. Fitch L., b. 17 July, 1852.
- 281. Sarah A., b. 12 Feb., 1856; died 1 March, 1861.

## BAKER FAMILIES.

Alexander Baker, the common ancestor of a numerous progeny, was born in London, England, about 1607. He sailed from London in the ship Elizabeth and Ann, in 1635, at the age of twenty-eight years, with his wife, Elizabeth, aged 23 years, and two children, Elizabeth aged 2 years, and Christian, aged one year. They landed at or near Boston. It appears that for a short time he lived at Gloucester, Mass., and afterwards settled in Boston, where he became a permanent resident. His occupation was a ropemaker. Before their departure from London, he obtained a certificate from a minister of the established church of England, as to his standing in the church, and before two justices of the peace took the oath of allegiance.

After their arrival on these New England shores they had born to them nine children. Alexander, b. 15 Jan., 1636; Samuel, b. 16 June, 1638; John, b. 20 June, 1640; Joshua, b. 30 April, 1642; Hannah, b. 29 Sept., 1644. These last named were bap. 5 Oct., 1645, their father and mother having been admitted members of the church at Boston the preceding day.

After this time they had William, b. 15 May, 1647; Benjamin, b. 16 March, 1635; Josiah, b. 26 Feb., 1655 (the last died in infancy); and Josiah again, b. 26 Feb., 1658.

II. JOSHUA, the fourth son, b. 30 April, 1642, was the ancestor of the Baker families in Montville. He removed from Boston and settled at New London, Conn., about 1670. He received shares in the town plot and became a large landholder. About the year 1700 he received a deed from Owaneco, the Chief of the Mohegans, for a large tract of land in

## Children.

- III. JOSHUA (3), b. 5 Jan., 1677, son of Joshua Baker and Hannah (Tongue) Mintern; m. 27 March, 1705, Marion Hurlburt, dau. of Stephen. He settled in the North Parish of New London, where he was a farmer and carpenter. He died in 1740. His will was admitted to probate at New London, 8 July, 1740. His widow married John Vibber, 8 May, 1754. He was an active member of the society, and his wife a member of the church. In his will, dated 25 May, 1740, he names each of his ten children, and gives a portion to each. The will reads as follows: "In the name of God, Amen. The 25th day of May, in the year of our Lord God, 1740, I, Joshua Baker of New London, in the County of New London, and Colony of Connecticut, carpenter, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God.

“Therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body,  
and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do

make and ordain this my last will and testament; that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christianlike manner, at the direction of my executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life,

“I give, bequeath, and dispose of the same in manner and form following:

“Item: I give and bequeath unto my well-beloved son, Joshua, all that my tract he now lives upon, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at James Greenfield's southerly corner and running westerly to a great heap of stones about twenty rods northerly of my dwelling-house, and from thence running to Mr. Mirick's bound, being a little white oak saddle standing upon a little island in the swamp; from thence to a crotch of the brook, and from thence to Joseph Bradford's land, and down said brook to Greenfield's land, to the first-mentioned bound, with the fencing and buildings thereon, and all the privileges thereof, which is his full share, and double portion, of my estate.

“Item: I give my well-beloved son, Gideon, all that my tract of land in the North Parish aforesaid which he now lives upon, and is bounded as follows: Beginning at Peter Wickwire's south corner of a certain piece of land which he bought of his brother Christopher, and so running a west line until it comes to Samson Haughton's northwest corner, from thence the same corner about twenty rods to a heap of stones, and from thence by said Wickwire's land about thirty rods, and from thence a northeast line to a black oak stump standing by a brook, and from thence to the above-named Wickwire's land to the first boundary, being about twenty-five acres, with the buildings thereon, and all the privileges and appurtenances thereof.



“Item: I give to my beloved son, James, all my land, fencing and buildings not above disposed of to him and his heirs forever, and I do hereby order him to pay out of what I give him, sixty pounds money to Samuel, his brother; sixty pounds money to Stephen, his brother; sixty pounds money to Asa, his brother; and sixty pounds money to his brother John. To said Samuel and Stephen to be paid at my decease, and Asa and John to be paid at lawful age.

“I give to my beloved daughter, Elizabeth, thirty pounds money, besides what she hath already had. I do hereby order my executor hereafter named, to make my daughter Sarah equal with her two sisters in what they have already had, and then to give her thirty pounds in money.

“I also give to my beloved wife my riding horse and four cows, and I do hereby order my son, James, to keep the four cows and horse well, and to take proper care of them during his mother’s widowhood for her own use and benefit, and also she is to have the use and improvement of my household stuff, and one room in my house that I give and bequeath to my son, James, whom I likewise constitute, make, and ordain my only and sole executor of this, my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testament, will, legacy, requests and executors by me made before this time named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.”

“In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and the year above written or mentioned.”

Witness

JOSHUA BAKER [Seal.]

Joshua Raymond,  
Peter Wickwire,  
Joseph Bradford, Jr.

His inventory as exhibited in court was as follows:





ALEXANDER BAKER HOUSE.

# BAKER FAMILIES.

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	£	s.	d.
Household stuff, farming and carpenter tools,	110	11	03
One horse,	18	00	00
One yoke of oxen,	30	00	00
Four cows,	40	00	00
Two yearlings, three calves, one two-year-old, one colt, thirty-five sheep, and five swine,	59	00	00
Land and dwelling houses,	771	00	00
Three acres of wheat standing,		24	00
Hides and skins,		3	16
	£1029	19s.	7d.

## Children.

11. Joshua, b. 3 May, 1706; m. Phebe Wickwire.
12. Samuel, b. 24 Aug., 1707; m. Jerusha Davis.
13. Elizabeth, b. 24 April, 1709; m. James Swaddle.
14. Gideon, b. 27 Nov., 1711; m. 1st, Rogers;  
2d, Thankful (Bliss) Tuttle.
15. Lydia, b. 12 June, 1712; died 24 Nov., 1712.
16. James, b. 17 March, 1714; m. Dorothy Williams.
17. Anna, b. 28 May, 1716; m. Noah Hammond.
18. Stephen, b. 17 March, 1719; m. Elizabeth Comstock.
19. Sarah, b. 14 May, 1721; m. John Maples.
20. John, b. 1723; m. Rachel Scovil.
21. Asa, b. 1726; m. Elizabeth Abel.

. III. ALEXANDER (4), b. 16 Dec., 1679, son of Joshua Baker and Hannah (Tongue) Mintern; m. Mary Pemberton, dau. of Joseph Pemberton. He settled in the North Parish, on land inherited from his father, located on the west side of Haughton's Cove. He died 15 Jan., 1724.

## Children.

22. Hannah, b. 24 Jan., 1707; m. Daniel Brown.
23. Mary, b. 30 April, 1710; m. Gilbert Lilly.
24. Elizabeth, b. 4 March, 1713.
25. Pemberton, b. 24 March, 1716; m. Hepzabeth Rogers.
26. Joseph, b. 12 Sept., 1721; died in 1743.

27. Lydia, b. 24 July, 1723.

28. Sarah, b. ; died 17 June, 1738.

IV. JOSHUA (11), b. 3 May, 1706, son of Joshua Baker and Marian Hurlburt; m. Phoebe Wickwire, dau. of John Wickwire and Mary Tongue. He settled in the North Parish, and occupied the farm bequeathed to him by his father, which farm at a later date was occupied by Daniel Baker. He held town offices, was grand juror in 1744, was active in society affairs, being among the first contributors to the society fund, now extant. He died about 1770.

#### Children.

29. Joshua, b. 13 Aug., 1730; m. Abigail Bliss.

30. Zebulon, b. about 1733; m.

31. Phebe, b. about 1736; m. Jeremiah Wickwire.

32. Delight, b. about 1740; m. Ezekiel Chapel.

33. Jared, b. about 1745; m. Phebe Harris.

34. Betsey, b. 13 July, 1747; m. Samuel Leffingwell.

IV. SAMUEL (12), b. 24 Aug., 1707, son of Joshua Baker and Marian Hurlburt; m. 8 Dec., 1733, Jerusha, dau. of Andrew Davis and Sarah Baker of Groton. He settled in Groton, now Ledyard, where he was a farmer. He died in March, 1793.

#### Children.

35. Andrew, b. 18 Sept., 1738; died young.

36. Amy, b. 9 Jan., 1739-40; m. Geer.

37. Lydia, b. 13 July, 1742; m. Roach, and had children, Wealthy, Thomas, Susanna.

38. Daniel, b. 26 Feb., 1745-6.

39. Elizabeth, b. 5 May, 1748; m. Cook.

40. Samuel, b. 27 July, 1750; m.

41. Sarah, b. 16 Feb., 1753-4; m. Jabez Shoals.

42. Andrew, b. 22 March, 1756; killed at Fort Griswold, 6 Sept., 1781.

43. Eunice, b. 14 Jan., 1758; m. Thomas.

IV. GIDEON (14), b. 27 Nov., 1711, son of Joshua Baker and Marian Hurlburt; m. 1st, Lois Rogers, supposed

dau. of Daniel Rogers; 2d, Thankful (Bliss) Tuttle, relict of Daniel Tuttle and dau. of Peletiah Bliss. She had one son by her first husband, Peletiah, who married Betsey Swaddle, Nov., 1783. Gideon Baker was a farmer, and lived on the farm bequeathed to him by his father, and later occupied by his grandson, Samuel F. Baker. A few years before his death, 29 Jan., 1794, he conveyed by deed of gift all his real estate to his son, Elisha, reserving a life lease of the same. He died 19 Dec., 1805. His last wife died of small pox, and was buried on the farm where they lived.

#### Children by first wife.

44. Gideon, b.
45. Abigail, b. about 1744; died unmarried 11 Oct., 1822.
46. Lois, b. about 1754; m. Edward White.
47. Marian, b. about 1757; m. Elijah Parish.
48. Samuel, b.

#### Children by second wife.

49. Alphous, b. 7 Oct., 1763; died unmarried.
50. Sabra, b. 6 Jan., 1765; m. 1st, Joseph Chapman; 2d, Nathan Latimer.
51. Lebbeus, b. 20 May, 1767; m. Mary Chapel.
52. Lemuel, b. April, 1769; m. 1st, Bethia Comstock; 2d, Betsey Patten.
53. Elisha, b. 8 Jan., 1771; m. Bathsheba Adams.
54. Bliss, b. 22 July, 1773; m. Abigail Bolles.

IV. JAMES (16), b. 17 March, 1714, son of Joshua Baker and Marian Hurlburt; m. about 1745, Dorothy Williams, dau. of Ebenezer Williams and . He was a farmer, and lived on the farm bequeathed to him by his father, and later occupied by Lemuel Baker. The old house stood a few rods northwest from the present one. He sold a portion of the farm to his son, Josiah, in 1771, located at the southeast corner of his farm, on which he built a house, which was later occupied by Samuel W. Palmer. His will was dated 18 Nov., 1788, and admitted to probate 10 Aug., 1795. He

was an active business man, and held important offices in the town. She united with the church under the pastorate of Rev. David Jewett, and died 1 Oct., 1801, aged 75 years. He died 19 May, 1795.

#### Children.

- 55. Josiah, b. 13 Aug., 1746; m. Abigail Leffingwell.
- 56. William, b. about 1748, and removed to Pittsfield, Mass.
- 57. Lois, b. about 1751; m. Jonathan Gilbert.
- 58. Joseph, b. about 1753, and removed to Charlton, N. Y.
- 59. Lydia, b. about 1756; m. Nathan Barbor.
- 60. Eunice, b. about 1758; m. Lebbeus Haughton.

IV. STEPHEN (18), b. 17 March, 1719, son of Joshua Baker and Marian Hurlburt; m. 13 Nov., 1745, Elizabeth Comstock, dau. of Kingsland Comstock and . It does not appear where he settled and there is no record that shows where he died.

#### Children.

- 61. Lucy, b. 13 Oct., 1746.
- 62. Stephen Hurlburt, b. 29 Oct., 1748; m. Priscilla .  
He had two children, Gurdon, b. 1800; Joshua, b. 1802. He died in service in the war of 1812.
- 63. David, b. 9 Oct., 1750.
- 64. Abell, b. 13 Jan., 1753.
- 65. Siblell, b. 19 Jan., 1759.

IV. JOHN (20), b. 1722, son of Joshua Baker and Marian Hurlburt; m. 14 March, 1754, Rachel Scovil, dau. of Arthur Scovil of Colchester. He probably settled in Colchester, as the birth of his children are found recorded there, and some of his descendants are still living there.

#### Children.

- 66. John, b. 14 April, 1755.
- 67. Desire, b. 25 Sept., 1756.
- 68. Anna, b. 23 April, 1758.
- 69. Hurlburt, b. 23 Dec., 1759.
- 70. Rachel, b. 16 Nov., 1761.

- 71. Elisha, b. 14 Oct., 1763.
- 72. Rhoda, b. 11 April, 1766.
- 73. Elias, b. 14 April, 1768.

IV. ASA (21), b. 1726, son of Joshua Baker and Marian Hurlburt; m. 28 Jan., 1752, Elizabeth Abel, b. 27 Jan., 1730, second dau. of Samuel Abel and Lydia Gifford. She was great-granddaughter of Margaret Post. He settled in Norwich, where she died, 27 Dec., 1808. He died there 30 April, 1816, aged 90 years.

#### Children.

- 74. Alice, b. 15 April, 1753; m. 17 May, 1774, Andrew Smith, and had six children: 1st, Obediah, b. 20 Sept., 1775; 2d, Lucinda, b. 17 June, 1777; 3d, Lucy, b. 30 Aug., 1779; 4th, Lovice, b. 9 Jan., 1782; 5th, Fanny, b. 25 May, 1784; 6th, Ozias, b. 17 May, 1786.
- 75. Elizabeth, b. 18 Feb., 1755; died 24 Oct., 1838, at Bozrah.
- 76. Lydia, b. 10 Jan., 1758.
- 77. Asa, b. 27 June, 1760; m. Comfort Kinney of Preston.
- 78. Griswold, b. 20 Dec., 1762.
- 79. Daniel Gilbert, b. 1 Aug., 1774; m. Lydia Calkins of Bozrah.

V. JOSIUA (29), b. 13 Aug., 1730, son of Joshua Baker and Phebe Wickwire; m. Abigail Bliss, dau. of Peletiah Bliss and Sarah Harris. He settled in Montville, was a farmer, and lived on a farm lying about three-fourths of a mile south of the present Congregational Church. He died of small pox, 17 March, 1777, and was buried on his farm. She died 23 Aug., 1812.

#### Children.

- 80. Mary, b. 14 Nov., 1757; m. Thomas Rogers.
- 81. Abigail, b. 25 April, 1760; m. David Congdon.
- 82. Elizabeth, b. 21 April, 1763; m. 1st, Josiah Raymond; 2d, Robert Manwaring.



- 83. Parthenea, b. 21 June, 1765; m. Frederick Rogers.
- 84. Joshua, b. 13 Feb., 1767; m. Elizabeth Chapel.
- 85. Sarah, b. 24 Feb., 1769; m. Azel Rogers.
- 86. Ann Maria, b. 29 March, 1772; died unm., 18 May, 1846.
- 87. Caleb, b. 17 May, 1773; died unm., 1848.
- 88. Oliver, b. 29 Dec., 1776; m. Amy Otis.

V. JARED (33), b. 1745, son of Joshua Baker and Phebe Wickwire; m. about 1769, Phebe Harris, dau. of Ephraim Harris and . He was a farmer, and occupied the farm where his father lived, and later occupied by his son Daniel. He died 1822, aged 77 years. She died 1807, aged 60 years.

#### Children.

- 89. Daniel, b. 7 Nov., 1770; m. Sarah Raymond.
- 90. Jared, b. 3 Jan., 1774; m. Abigail Wither.

V. LEBBEUS (51), b. 20 May, 1767, son of Gideon Baker and Thankful (Bliss) Tuttle; m. 28 March, 1793, Mary Chapel, dau. of Peter Chapel and Esther Douglass. He was a blacksmith and a farmer. He had a saw-mill, located on Alwive Brook, near where he lived. He died 7 Nov., 1844. She died 5 April, 1837, aged 64 years.

#### Children.

- 91. Lemuel, b. 23 Dec., 1793.
- 92. Charles, b. 23 Jan., 1795; died young.
- 93. Lydia, b. 5 July, 1796; m. John Bush.
- 94. Esther, b. 1 Nov., 1797; m. 1st, Nathaniel Wheeler; 2d, Rev. Augustus Bolles.
- 95. Mary, b. 10 Sept., 1799; m. Lester Richards.
- 96. Elijah P., b. 19 Feb., 1801; m. Lydia Watrous.
- 97. Mercy, b. 9 Jan., 1803; m. George H. Steward.
- 98. John D., b. 24 March, 1805; died unmarried.
- 99. Celinda, b. 4 April, 1807; m. Lyman Ames.
- 100. Emeline, b. 1 Aug., 1809; m. Elisha Baker.
- 101. Peter C., b. 13 May, 1811; m. Maria Ames.

- 102. Eliza D., b. 5 April, 1815; m. Anson Ames, 1st wife.
- 103. Julia, b. 7 Sept., 1817; m. Anson Ames, 2d wife.
- 104. Ellen M., b. 29 Sept., 1819; m. 1st, Charles Whitwell; 2d, Erastus Chadwick.

V. LEMUEL (52), b. April, 1769, son of Gideon Baker and Thankful (Bliss) Tuttle; m. 1st, Bethia Comstock, 18 July, 1798, dau. of Zebediah Comstock and Bethia Prentice. He was a farmer and house carpenter, lived on the farm formerly occupied by James Baker. His first wife died 24 Dec., 1804. He then married, Sept., 1805, Betsey Patten, dau. of John Patten. She died 18 March, 1840, aged 67 years. He died 19 Sept., 1856.

#### Children by first wife.

- 105. Gideon, b. 27 Aug., 1800; died young.
- 106. Zebediah, b. 6 May, 1802; m. Mary Kimball.
- 107. Lemuel, b. 23 April, 1804; removed to Indiana, from there to the South, and never more heard from.

#### Children by second wife.

- 108. Hiram Patten, b. 15 Feb., 1807; m. 1st, Lucy Palmer; 2d, Nancy B. Baker.
- 109. Eliza S., b. 26 Nov., 1808; m. 1st, David Holmes; 2d, Joshua R. Bradford.
- 110. John Gardner, b. 8 Oct., 1813; m. Emily C. Turner.

V. ELISHA (53), b. 8 Jan., 1771, son of Gideon Baker and Thankful (Bliss) Tuttle; m. 16 Feb., 1800, Bathsheba Adams, b. 2 March, 1777, dau. of James W. Adams of Groton. He was a farmer, and lived on the farm conveyed to him by his father. He died 27 Sept., 1850. She died 22 Feb., 1851.

#### Children.

- 111. John Adams, b. 17 Nov., 1800; died 2 Aug., 1839; unmarried.
- 112. Elisha Bliss, b. 11 Dec., 1803; m. Charlotte Fox Hill.
- 113. Nancy Bill, b. 4 Aug., 1805; m. Hiram P. Baker, 31 March, 1844.

- 114. Samuel Franklin, b. 19 Jan., 1811; m. Mary Ann Clark; no issue. He died 17 March, 1844. She died 9 Oct., 1894.
- 115. James Harvey, b. 19 Sept., 1816; m. Eliza Wheeler; had one dau., Eliza Jane, b.
- 116. Jane G., b. 16 Sept., 1818; m. John Stanton.
- 117. Lyman, b. 16 Sept., 1820; m. 1st, Ann Rogers, dau. of Joshua; 2d, Rosanna Brown, dau. of John; 3d, Mary Lathrop. He settled in New London, carpenter; was alderman of the city at the time of his death in 1880.

V. BLISS (54), b. about 1773, son of Gideon Baker and Thankful (Bliss) Tuttle; m. 6 Jan., 1799, Abigail Bolles, dau. of Amos Bolles and Anna Gardner. He was a farmer and lived on the farm on which is located the famous Cohegan Rock. He died June, 1847. She died Feb., 1827.

#### Children.

- 118. Samuel, b. 4 Nov., 1799; m. Rhoda Powers.
- 119. Eunice, b. 8 July, 1801; died unmarried.
- 120. Amos, b. 13 Oct., 1803; m. Mary Bush.
- 121. Elisha, b. 12 Nov., 1805; m. Emeline Baker.
- 122. Gideon, b. Sept., 1807; m. Harriet Loomis.

V. JOSIAH (55), b. 13 Aug., 1746, son of James Baker and Dorothy Williams; m. 15 Nov., 1770, Abigail Leffingwell, dau. of Samuel Leffingwell and Betsey Baker (34). He was a farmer, and lived at Chesterfield. She died 15 April, 1810. He then married Mary Dart. He died at New London.

#### Children.

- 123. James, b. 3 Oct., 1771; m.
- 124. Lois, b. 15 Jan., 1775; m. David Turner.
- 125. Mary, b. 13 July, 1781; m. James Turner.
- 126. Charlotte, b. 10 Nov., 1783; m. Isaac Whipple.
- 127. Abigail, b. 26 July, 1789; m. James Reed.
- 128. Betsey, b. 6 Oct., 1793; died young.
- 129. Josiah L., b. 20 Oct., 1794; m. Delia Edmonds.





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VI. JOSIUA (84), b. 13 Feb., 1767, son of Joshua Baker and Abigail Bliss; m. 17 Feb., 1792, Elizabeth Chapel, b. 1772, dau. of Atwell Chapel and Johanna Hill. He was a farmer, and occupied the farm formerly belonging to his father-in-law. He died 19 July, 1856. She died 18 Oct., 1849.

Children.

- 130. Joshua, b. 17 Feb., 1793; m. Almira Fitch.
- 131. Erastus, b. 17 June, 1794; m. Anna O. Baker.
- 132. Abby, b. 22 April, 1797; died unmarried 21 March, 1874.
- 133. Eliza, b. 31 Jan., 1803; died unmarried 5 Oct., 1873.
- 134. Mercy Ann, b. 7 June, 1805; m. Samuel Selden Harris. She died 20 May, 1880. He died 5 Aug., 1882. No issue.

VI. OLIVER (88), b. 29 Dec., 1776, son of Joshua Baker and Abigail Bliss; m. 23 Oct., 1802, Amy Otis, dau. of Nathaniel Otis and Amy Gardner. He was a carpenter and farmer. He built the house in which he lived in 1803, on land he purchased of Elizabeth Hillhouse, widow of John G. Hillhouse, it being a portion of the Samuel Gilbert farm, which was conveyed to Gilbert's wife by her father, Samuel Rogers. He worked on the Uncasville factory at the time of its erection, and purchased a considerable of the timber. He died 13 Dec., 1844. She died 23 May, 1873.

Children.

- 135. Anna Otis, b. 18 March, 1803; m. Erastus Baker.
- 136. Abishai Alden, b. 29 Feb., 1804; m. Mary G. Keeney.
- 137. Marinette, b. 18 April, 1805; died 11 May, 1810.
- 138. Oliver Gardner, b. 17 Sept., 1807; m. Emeline Lewis.
- 139. Edwin Bliss, b. 10 Aug., 1811; m. Eliza Thomas.
- 140. Henry Augustus, b. 29 Oct., 1823; m. Hannah Fox Scholfield.

VI. DANIEL (89), b. 7 Nov., 1770, son of Jared Baker and Phebe Harris; m. 27 June, 1797, Sarah Raymond, dau.

of John Raymond and Elizabeth Griswold. He was a farmer, and lived on the farm formerly occupied by his father and afterwards by his daughter, Mary Ann, who married Joseph Chappell. He died 23 Aug., 1851. She died 20 April, 1855.

Children.

141. George Griswold, b. 19 Dec., 1798; m. Mary Ann Crane.
142. Mary Ann, b. 24 April, 1800; m. Joseph Chappell.
143. Sarah Raymond, b. 12 March, 1802; m. Ira Vincent.
144. Giles Turner, b. 4 Jan., 1804; m. Settled in Ohio.
145. Martha Scholfield, b. 18 Oct., 1806; m. Samuel Vincent.
146. Hannah L., b. 2 Jan., 1808; died unmarried, 31 Aug., 1845.
147. Daniel Albert, b. 6 Sept., 1810; m. Settled in Ohio.
148. William Henry, b. 23 Sept., 1816; m. Maria L. Bromley.

VI. JARED (90), b. Jan. 3, 1774, son of Jared Baker and Phebe Harris; m. Abigail Wither, dau. of Amasa Wither. He was a farmer, and settled at Pomfret, Conn., where he died 28 Oct., 1852. She died May, 1853, aged 83 years.

Children.

149. Lyman, b. 11 May, 1794; died 23 April, 1814, at Middletown, Conn.
150. Phebe, b. 4 March, 1797; m. Samuel White of Pomfret.
151. Abigail, b. 22 Feb., 1799; m. Ebenezer Barret.
152. Marion, b. 19 Aug., 1801; m. 1st, Sarah Adgate; 2d, Rebecca Brownell.
153. Cyrus, b. 29 May, 1804; m. Ruth K. French, b. 9 Jan., 1816; had one dau., Harriet, b. 4 Oct., 1841; m. George M. Hayden.
154. Jared, b. 7 Sept., 1813; died unmarried.

VI. PETER C. (101), b. 13 May, 1811, son of Lebbeus Baker and Mary Chapel, m. 2 Nov., 1834, Maria Ames, b. 2

Nov., 1805, dau. of Jonathan Ames. He was a blacksmith and farmer. He settled first in Montville, and then removed to Waterford, where he died.

Children.

- 155. Abby E., b. 23 Aug., 1835; m. Courtland C. Daniels.
- 156. Jonathan A., b. 9 May, 1838; m. 1st, Maria Lee; 2d, Esther Chapel.
- 157. Amelia, b. 11 Feb., 1840.
- 158. Sarah D., b. 24 Nov., 1846; m. 1st, Alfred ———; 2d, Robert E. Dart.

VI. ZEBEDIAH (116), b. 6 May, 1802, son of Lemuel Baker and Berthia Comstock; m. 14 May, 1823, Mary Kimball.

Children.

- 159. Mary, b. about 1824; died young.
- 160. Charlotte, b. about 1827; m. John Dickerson; had Emma, b. 1848; George, b. 1863.

VI. HIRAM PATTEN (108), b. 15 Feb., 1807, son of Lemuel Baker and Betsey Patten; m. 10 Oct., 1831, Lucy Palmer, dau. of Samuel Palmer and Thankful Clark. He was a farmer, and taught district schools in the winter terms in his native town and adjoining towns. He held many town offices, was energetic in all matters of business. He was greatly respected by his fellow citizens for his integrity and business qualifications. At the time gold was first discovered in California in 1848, he was among the many who went from the East to seek their fortunes. He was a member of the Congregational Church at Montville Center, and a faithful attendant on divine worship. He lived on the farm later occupied by James Harvey Baker. She died 26 Feb., 1843. He then m. 24 March, 1844, his cousin, Nancy B. Baker. He died 25 Nov., 1871. She died 12 July, 1883.

Children.

- 161. Anoson Gleason, b. 27 Aug., 1832; m. 1st, 28 Aug., 1853, Clarrissa S. Rogers, and had Hiram A., b. 1



June, 1857, and Lucy E., b. 4 June, 1859; 2d, Emily C. Whipple, 30 Sept., 1865.

162. Albert Nelson, b. 26 July, 1834; died young.

163. Ellen Maria, b. 2 April, 1837; m. Stephen C. Parker and had James A., b. 15 Sept., 1869, and Julian B., b. 9 March, 1876.

VI. JOHN GARDNER (110), b. 8 Oct., 1813, son of Lemuel Baker and Betsey Patten; m. 27 Jan., 1839, Emily C. Turner, dau. of Isaac Turner and Esther Comstock. He was a farmer and house carpenter. He settled in Montville, and occupied the farm on which his father lived. He built a new dwelling on the farm. Remaining there a few years, he sold and removed to Norwich. He afterwards returned to Montville, and built a house near Comstock's Wharf, where he resided until his death, 7 June, 1888. She died there 10 Nov., 1894.

#### Children.

164. Emma Thoresa, b. 11 Nov., 1839; died 11 Feb., 1857.

165. Eliza Bradford, b. 11 April, 1851; died 25 Jan., 1856.

166. John Turner, b. 25 April, 1857; m. Effie Coggshall.

VI. ELISHA BLISS (112), b. 11 Dec., 1803, son of Elisha Baker and Bathsheba Adams; m. 1 May, 1832, Charlotte Fox Hill, dau. of Dea. Charles Hill and Sybel Fox. He was captain of a New York pilot boat, and lived in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he died of small pox, contracted on board of a ship which he was piloting into the harbor, 8 March, 1856. She was living on the old homestead of her father at Montville in 1896.

#### Children.

167. Abby, b. 28 Nov., 1833; died 3 Jan., 1859, unm.

168. Annie, b. 1 Sept., 1835; died 28 Oct., 1873; unm.

169. Fannie A., b. 26 Sept., 1836; m. Joseph H. Richards of Brooklyn, N. Y., 22 April, 1857, and had four sons and one daughter, Joseph Addison, Paul, Herbert Taft, Theodore Tilton, Grace.

170. Charles, b. 9 Oct., 1838; m. 11 Nov., 1863, Louisa Kingsley, daughter of Charles Kingsley. He died at New York, 20 Dec., 1880, leaving two children, Mary Louisa, and Florence.

VI. ELISHA (121), b. 12 Nov., 1805, son of Bliss Baker and Abigail Bolles; m. 4 March, 1832, Emolino Baker, dau. of Lobbeus Baker and Mary Chapel. He was a farmer, and occupied the old homestead until the death of his son Charles, then removed to Palmertown. He died 5 Jan., 1880. She died 26 Feb., 1878.

#### Children.

171. Louisa Annette, b. 14 Jan., 1833; died 5 Oct., 1860.  
172. Sabra Emeline, b. 26 May, 1834; m. Oscar Comstock.  
173. Sarah Elizabeth, b. 3 Oct., 1835.  
174. Daniel Webster, b. 28 March, 1837; died 28 April, 1854.  
175. Charles Edwin, b. 17 June, 1838; m. Susan A. Henry.  
176. Henry Harrison, b. 17 Dec., 1840.  
177. Harriet Lucretia, b. 15 June, 1843; m. Joseph Pierce.  
178. David Holmes, b. 5 Sept., 1844.  
179. Augustus Emerson, b. 3 Nov., 1847.  
180. Mary Abbie, b. 26 Aug., 1849.  
181. Frank Eugene, b. 3 June, 1851.

VII. ERASTUS (131), b. June, 1794, son of Joshua Baker and Elizabeth Chapel; m. 26 Nov., 1827, Anna Otis Baker, dau. of Oliver Baker and Amy Otis. He was a farmer and first occupied a farm adjoining his father's. He afterwards bought the farm owned by his uncle, Caleb Baker, near the Congregational church, where he died, 19 June, 1855. She lived with her son, Joshua Dwight, until the sale of the farm in 1883. She then built a new house on the opposite side of the highway and lived with her daughter Marinett. She died there 23 Aug., 1886.

## Children.

182. Joshua Dwight, b. 23 Jan., 1830; m. Florence Otis.

183. Marinett, b. 25 Sept., 1831; m. Otis Kelsey, and had one son, Dwight, b. 2 Aug., 1869. She died Sept., 1888.

VII. ABISHAI ALDEN (136), b. 29 Feb., 1804, son of Oliver Baker and Amy Otis; m. 24 May, 1829, Mary G. Keeney, dau. of William Keeney and Mary Gorton of Colchester. He was a farmer and school teacher. Settled first at Montville. He removed to Colchester and engaged in the book business. He went to Lexington, Ky., where he died 31 Dec., 1838. She died at Colchester, 30 Jan., 1881.

## Children.

184. William Edwin, b. at Montville 21 Oct., 1830; m. Mary A. Smith, 17 Dec., 1857, dau. of Thomas H. Smith of Colchester. He settled in Hartford, where he is engaged in the fire insurance business, and has two children, Gertrude Ellen, b. 28 Jan., 1860, and George William, b. 13 April, 1868.

185. Abishai Alden, b. at Montville 26 July, 1835; m. Margaret Worthington of Colchester. He was early engaged with his brother William in the sale of county maps. He settled at Colchester, and was for several years teacher in Bacon Academy. He is a deacon in the Congregational church, much respected and esteemed by his fellow townsmen. He has two children, Arthur and Lillias. Arthur married A. Luilla Kimball of Nashua, N. H., 7 Feb., 1884; had Charles Alfred, b. 16 April, 1893, and Kimball Alden, b. 19 April, 1895. Lillias m. Edward T. Bunyan of Delaware, Ohio, 1 March, 1893; had Margaret Frances, b. 16 March, 1894, and William Worthington, b. 19 April, 1896.

VII. EDWIN BLISS (139), b. 10 Aug., 1811, son of Oliver Baker and Amy Otis; m. 18 Sept., 1839, Eliza J. Thomas, dau. of Charles Thomas and Frances Nevins of Norwich. He entered the mercantile business as clerk for Henry A. Richards at Uncasville when twelve years of age, remain-

ing about two years. He then entered school at Bacon Academy, Colchester, was there about two years, and then engaged as a clerk for Backus & Norton, in the wholesale grocery business at Norwich, Conn., where he remained until the fall of 1834, when he went to Natchez, Miss. At first he was general clerk, but afterwards went into the wholesale business of plantation supplies. He continued in the business until a few years before his death. His wife died at Natchez, 18 April, 1891. He died there 14 Dec., 1893.

#### Children.

186. Edwin Backus, b. at Natchez 22 June, 1840; m. Mary Cardino and had three children. He was a soldier in the Confederate army, and died a few years after the close of the war.
187. Thomas Otis, b. at Natchez 14 March, 1844; living in 1896.
188. Stephen Duncan, b. at Natchez 25 Aug., 1855; living in 1896.
189. Charles Oliver, b. at Natchez 23 Dec., 1856; died young.

VII. HENRY AUGUSTUS (140), b. 20 Oct., 1823, son of Oliver Baker and Amy Otis; m. 18 May, 1846, Hannah Fox Scholfield, dau. of Joseph Scholfield and Mercy Newberry. Settled in Montville, first on the homestead, was a farmer, remained there until the death of his mother in 1873, when he removed to a place near Scholfield's Mills. He held the office of probate judge from 1860 to 1862, was re-elected in 1867, and held the office until January 1, 1889. He also held the office of town clerk of Montville twenty-five years. His wife died 18 May, 1892.

#### Children.

190. Oliver Augustus, b. 5 July, 1847; died 2 Dec., 1853.
191. Charles Lester, b. 5 March, 1850; died 23 Sept., 1854.
192. John Franklin, b. 31 March, 1855; died 5 June, 1855.
193. William Henry, b. 19 Oct., 1856.
194. Anna Alma, b. 1 Oct., 1866; m. George H. Bradford; has one dau., Jessie Arlean, b.

Dr. GEORGE GRISWOLD (141), b. 19 Dec., 1798, son of Daniel Baker and Sarah Raymond; m. Mary Ann Crane. He was a physician. A graduate of Bowdoin College, Maine, in the class of 1822. Settled first in Norwalk, Ohio, where he practiced medicine, a physician of considerable note. He received an appointment as minister to Italy under the administration of President Lincoln, and acceptably filled the office during that administration.

Dr. Baker returned to his native State about 1870, and settled in Norwich, where he purchased a house on Laurel Hill, where he lived until his death, April 20, 1877. His wife survived him, and died at Salisbury, Conn., April 30, 1880, aged 72 years and 6 months, at which time she was visiting with friends. During her life, her acts of benevolence, which were always generous, were so quietly accomplished that often only the recipient of her kindly gifts knew of them, or the spirit that prompted them.

They had but one child, a daughter, Sarah, b. about 1829. She was a beautiful girl, and no pains were spared in the bestowing of a liberal education upon her. She was the idol of her parents, and her early death was a severe affliction to both her parents. She died 16 Aug., 1849, at the age of about 20 years.

The following lines were written by her mother, while crossing the ocean from New York to Europe on the fourth anniversary of her death, Aug. 16, 1853:

“ Sad are the mem’ries of that day  
When thou, so young, so bright and gay,  
So full of hope, was torn away,  
My daughter.

“ So dire and sudden was the stroke  
My heart almost in anguish broke,  
Thus quickly severed from my only hope,  
My daughter.

" Long hours I gazed upon thy face,  
So calm and still in death's embrace.  
Nor could a ray of comfort trace,  
My daughter.

" That form and face and forehead fair,  
Those folded hands and glossy hair,  
Were all the same — but thou not there,  
My daughter.

" My head was bowed in speechless gloom  
To see thee thus in beauty's bloom  
Laid low, and mantled for the tomb,  
My daughter.

" Thy dying words, so full of love,  
Did not one hope of solace prove,  
Nor could I lift my heart above,  
Dear daughter.

" The one dread thought that thou wast dead,  
Did more than banish all thou said  
To soothe me on thy dying bed,  
Dear daughter.

" I tried, but all in vain, to pray,  
For faith and hope both fled away  
And left me, on thy dying day,  
Dear daughter.

" A stricken, torn, and withered leaf,  
I sat alone in tearless grief,  
Nor scarcely sought or wished relief,  
Dear daughter.

" Then sleep o'creame my racking brain  
And aching heart, and in my dream  
I held thee in my arms again,  
Dear daughter.

" And listened to thy loving voice  
That always made my heart rejoice ;  
Now it spoke of the better choice,  
My daughter.

" " Good bye, for I am dying now.  
Another kiss upon thy brow.  
Good bye, thou lov'st me, I know.  
Dear mother.

“ ‘ It comforts me, as here I lie  
Upon this bed, so near to die,  
To think of all our love and joy,  
Dear mother.

“ ‘ Thou’lt think of me when I’m gone,  
And grieve that I no more return  
To share the joys of our loved home,  
My mother.

“ ‘ But there’s a better home than this —  
A home of joy, where all is bliss —  
A home of love, where Jesus is,  
Dear mother.

“ ‘ I know I’m vile, am all depraved ;  
But then I have his pardon craved.  
I do believe I shall be saved,  
Dear mother.

“ ‘ I cannot say I long to die,  
Nor leave you all without a sigh,  
’Tis hard to say the last good bye,  
Dear mother.

“ ‘ But God has spoken, his will be done.  
I shall not see another sun,  
My days have now their circle run,  
My mother.

“ ‘ Let not your heart in sorrow break,  
That God doth now your darling take,  
For you must live for father’s sake,  
Dear mother.

“ ‘ And now one kiss for father dear,  
Oh, how I wish that he were here !  
Tell him from me to meet me there,  
My mother.

“ ‘ Just turn my face toward the door ;  
He yet may come before ’tis o’er,  
And we three meet on earth once more,  
My mother.

“ ‘ I seem to think that he is nigh,  
I long to see him ’fore I die,  
And kiss him once, and say good bye,  
Dear father.

“ ‘ I’m dying now — ’tis well — good bye.  
I soon shall be beyond the sky,  
And you will meet me there on high,  
My mother.

“ ‘ Still live in hope and humble prayer,  
Be father’s welfare now thy care ;  
And tell him, sure, to meet me there,  
Dear mother.’

“ Those precious words were not a dream,  
No passing thought, or fancy’s gleam,  
But from thy filial lips they came,  
My daughter.

“ Within the inner heart of mine  
I’ll treasure long those words of thine,  
That spoke such love and peace divine,  
Dear daughter.

“ In faith and hope and humble prayer,  
Thy last request shall be my care,  
And still I’ll trust we’ll meet thee there,  
Our daughter.”



## ROGERS FAMILIES.

JAMES ROGERS the first came to America in the ship "Increase," from London, in England, in 1635, at the age of twenty years. He is first known at Stratford, New Haven county, where he married Elizaboth, daughter of Samuel Rowland. They afterwards removed to Milford, where his wife united with the Rev. Mr. Prudden's church, in 1645, and he in 1652. Their children were baptized at Milford. Mr. Rogers had dealings in New London in 1656, and, liking it as a place of business, fixed himself permanently as an inhabitant of the plantation there, previous to 1660. Here he soon achieved property and influence, and was much engaged, both in the civil and ecclesiastical affairs of the place. He was six times elected representative to the general court.

Governor Winthrop had encouraged his settling in New London, and accommodated him with a portion of his own house lot next the mill, which was afterwards leased to him. On this lot Mr. Rogers built a dwelling-house of stone. He was a baker, and carried on the business on a large scale, often furnishing biscuit for seamen and the colonial troops, and between the years 1661 and 1670 had a greater interest in the trade of that post than any other person in the place.

His landed possessions became very extensive, consisting of several hundred acres on the Great Neck, a tract of land at Mohegan at the place called Pamechog, now called Massapeag, several house lots in town, and twenty-four hundred acres on the east side of the river, which was held in partnership with Colonel Pyncheon of Springfield.

James Rogers, the ancestor of a great throng of descendants, was an upright and circumspect man. At his first settlement in New London, both himself and his wife united

with Mr. Bradstreet's church. They, however, after a few years, became dissenters in some sort from the established Congregational church and joined the Sabbatarians, and were afterwards called Quakers.

There is no account of any dealings with him and his wife on account of their secession from the church. Of his latter years, little is known. Mr. Rogers was born about 1615, and is supposed to be the son of Rev. John Rogers of Dedham, in England, who died in 1636, and his descendants hold to a tradition that he was the grandson of the Rev. John Rogers of London, who was burned at the stake in Smithfield in 1555, during the reign of "bloody" Queen Mary. Recent genealogical researches have, however, thrown much doubt as to this lineal connection of this stock of Rogers with that of the martyr.

James Rogers died at New London in February, 1687-8, when the government of Sir Edmund Andros was paramount in New England. His will was therefore proved in Boston. The first settlement of the estate was entirely harmonious. The children, in accordance with his earnest request, made an amicable division of the estate, which was sanctioned by the general court, May 12, 1692.

#### Children.

2. Samuel, b. at Stratford 12 Dec., 1640; m. 17 Nov., 1664, Mary Stanton, dau. of Thomas Stanton.
3. Joseph, b. at Stratford 14 May, 1646; m. about 1671, Sarah ———.
4. John, b. at Stratford 1 Dec., 1648; m. 17 Oct., 1670, Elizabeth Griswold, dau. of Mathew Griswold.
5. Bathsheba, b. at Stratford 30 Dec., 1650; m. 4 March 1669-70, 1st, Richard Smith; 2d, Samuel Fox.
6. James, b. at Milford 15 Feb., 1652; m. 5 Nov., 1674, Mary Jordan, dau. of Jeffrey Jordan.
7. Jonathan, b. probably at Milford 31 Dec., 1655; m. Naomi Burdick, dau. of Elder Burdick of Newport, R. I.

8. Elizabeth, b. probably at New London 15 April, 1658; m. Samuel Beeby.

II. SAMUEL (2), b. 12 Dec., 1640, eldest son of James Rogers and Elizabeth Rowland; married 17 Oct., 1664, Mary, daughter of Thomas Stanton and Ann Lord, daughter of Thomas Lord of Hartford. The parents of these two parties entered into a formal contract, each pledging £200 as a marriage portion to the couple. James Rogers, the father of Samuel, in fulfillment of his part of the contract, conveyed to his son his stone house and bakery at the head of Winthrop's Cove, where the couple commenced housekeeping. They lived here only a few years, and removed to the outlands of the town in the vicinity of the Mohegan tribe of Indians, and became the first English settlers within the present limits of the town of Montville. He was twice married, as appears by his last will, executed Dec. 8, 1712, in which he gives "his beloved wife Johanna all she needs." He died 1 Dec., 1713, and was buried in the Old Rogers Burying Ground on the farm where he then lived, and which was afterwards owned by Oliver Baker.

#### Children.

9. Daniel, b. probably at New London about 1665; m. in 1702, Grace, dau. of Thomas Williams.
10. Mary, b. at New London April, 1667; m. 2 Oct., 1684, Samuel Gilbert.
11. Samuel, b. at New London Dec., 1669; m. 16 Jan., 1694, Abigail, dau. of John Plumb.
12. Elizabeth, b. at New London 8 May, 1673; m. Asa Harris.
13. Sarah, b. at New London 9 Aug., 1676; m. 10 May, 1710, James Harris.
14. Jonathan, b. at New London 1680; m. 1708, Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph Pemberton.

II. JOSEPH (3), b. 14 May, 1646, second son of James Rogers and Elizabeth Rowland; married about 1671 Sarah ———. He first lived on a town plot in New London and

afterwards removed to the farm given him by his father at Great Neck. He is supposed to have died about 1697.

### Children.

15. James, b. at New London about 1672; m. 27 March, 1699, Sarah Stevens of Killingworth, Conn.
16. Samuel, b. at New London about 1673. Settled at Branford.
17. John, b. at New London 20 March, 1675; m. Deborah Brighton.
18. Jonathan, b. at New London ; m. Alice ———.
19. Rowland, b. at New London about 1680; m. Mary
20. Eliza, b. at New London; m. Chapman.
21. Sarah, b. at New London; m. Williams.
22. Bathsheba, b. at New London; m. 29 April, 1725, Gabriel Harris.

II. JOHN (4), b. 1 Dec., 1648, third son of James Rogers and Elizabeth Rowland; m. 17 Oct., 1670, Elizabeth, daughter of Mathew Griswold. The rite of marriage was performed by the father of the bride, and accompanied with the formality of a written contract and dowry, the husband settling his farm at upper Manacock upon the wife in case of his death or separation from her during life. This farm was situated about two miles north of New London, on the Thames river. In May, 1675, after having two children born to them, she applied to the General Court for a divorce, grounding her petition not only upon the heterodoxy of her husband (that of being a Quaker), but upon certain alleged immoralities. The court, after the delay of nearly a year and a half, granted her petition, but in less than two years she was married again. This marriage was to Peter Pratt, 5 Aug., 1679. She had by him one son, Peter. Her second husband, Peter Pratt, died 24 March, 1688, and shortly afterwards she married a third husband, Mathew Beckwith, 2d, by whom she had one daughter, Grisell. Elizabeth Griswold, the wife of three husbands, died in 1727.

Mr. Rogers was greatly incensed at the decision of the court in granting a divorce to his wife. He lived a single life about twenty-five years, and then married himself to Mary Ransford. She is reported to have been a sorvant, whom he had bought, and probably of the class of persons then called Redemptionists. Mr. Rogers would not be united in the marriage rite by any minister or magistrate, and proposed to his intended that both go in to the county court room while the court was in session, and there publicly declare their marriage intentions, which proposal was agreed to by the intended. He, leading the bride by the hand, entered into the presence of the assembled court, and there requested the whole assembly to take notice that he took the woman he held by the hand to be his lawful wife, the bride also assenting. This connection was, however, an unhappy one, violent quarrels afterwards arising between the reputed wife and the youngest son of Mr. Rogers. To preserve peace and quiet, the law in several instances was invoked. The elder Rogers himself was compelled to apply to the court for assistance in quelling their domestic broils.

In 1703, upon the presentation of the grand jury, the court summoned the reputed wife of John Rogers, Sr., before them, declaring her marriage invalid, and sentenced her to pay a fine of forty shillings or receive ten stripes, and prohibited her return to her reputed husband under still heavier penalties. Upon receiving the sentence she came around to the side of the court, acknowledged her marriage illegal, cast off the protection and authority of Rogers and refused to regard him as her husband. Soon after this she escaped from the confinement in which she had been placed by order of the court and fled to Block Island, leaving her two children by Rogers with him. She was afterwards married to Robert Jones of Block Island.

In 1714, John Rogers was again married to Widow Sarah Cole of Oyster Bay, L. I., the ceremony being performed in

the State of Rhode Island. With this connection there was no trouble. He died of small pox 17 Oct., 1721, and was buried upon the bank of the Thames River within the bounds of his Mamacock farm, where he had set aside a place for a family sepulcher.

Children by first wife.

- 23. Elizabeth, b. in New London 8 Nov., 1671; m. Stephen Prentice.
- 24. John, b. at New London 20 March, 1674; m. Bathsheba, dau. of Richard Smith.

Children by second marriage.

- 25. Gershon, b. at New London 24 Feb., 1699; died at sea.
- 26. Mary, b. at New London 6 March, 1702; m. John Hobbs. She died 5 Oct., 1781, leaving two children, James, b. 3 Oct., 1721; Jonathan, b. Aug., 1723.

II. JAMES (6), b. 15 Feb., 1652, fourth son of James Rogers and Elizabeth Rowland; married 5 Nov., 1674, Mary, daughter of Jeffery Jordan. According to tradition, Mr. Rogers was in command of a vessel in which a number of persons called Redemptionists were brought over from England; among that number was a family by the name of Jordan. On their arrival he became the purchaser of the eldest daughter, Mary, and made her his wife. In after years he was often heard to say "it was the richest cargo he ever shipped, and the best bargain he ever made." He became a dissenter as well as his father and all his brothers, except Samuel, from the established church. The origin of their dissent is supposed to be through an intercourse which began in the way of trade with the Seventh-day Baptists of Rhode Island. James Rogers, Jr., was the first to embrace the Sabbatarian principles. He was baptized and united with that sect in 1674. He died Nov. 8, 1713.

Children.

- 27. James, b. at New London 2 Feb., 1675; m. Elizabeth Harris.

28. Mary, b. at N. L. about 1676; m. Prentis.
29. Elizabeth, b. at N. L. about 1680; died young.
30. Sarah, b. at N. L. 23 Nov., 1682; m. Jonathan Haynes.
31. Samuel, b. at N. L. 3 March, 1685.
32. Jonathan, b. at N. L. 13 April, 1687.
33. Richard, b. at N. L. 1689; m. in 1710 Mary Raymond.
34. William, b. at N. L. 10 May, 1693; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel Harris, b. 7 May, 1690.

II. JONATHAN (7), b. 31 Dec., 1655, fifth son of James Rogers and Elizabeth Rowland; m. Naomi, daughter of Elder Burdick of Newport, R. I. Elder Burdick was a Seventh-day Baptist minister. Mr.-Rogers was drowned at Gull Island in 1697, aged 42 years.

#### Children.

35. Ruth, b. 1678; m. her cousin, William Beebe.
36. Elizabeth, b. 1681; m. James Smith, son of Richard Smith and Bathsheba Rogers (5).
37. Naomi, b. 1686; m. 7 Feb., 1707, Benjamin Fox, and had children, Benjamin, Stephen, Daniel, Hannah, Margaret, Naomi, and Tacy.
38. Content, b. 1688; m. Jonathan Maxson of Westerly.
39. Jonathan, b. 1690; m. Judith ———.
40. Rachel, b. 1692; m. Samuel Fox, 2d.
41. Catherine, b. 1694; m. William Brookfield.

III. DANIEL (9), b. about 1655, eldest son of Samuel Rogers and Mary Stanton; m. in 1702, Grace, daughter of Thomas Williams. He was a farmer, and inherited a large tract of land in North Parish of New London, now Montville, from his father. He from time to time purchased other lands in the vicinity. Several deeds of land to him are now in the possession of his descendants, dating from 1727, and running down to 1765. Also deeds from him to his sons. One of the latter is dated January 24, 1753, to his son Thomas. One dated April 16, 1771, in which "for the consideration of love, good will, and fatherly affection, I have

and do bear unto my well beloved sons Alpheus Rogers and Thomas Rogers" he conveys to them certain tracts of land near where he then lived and included the homestead. The house in which he lived at the time of his death stood on the south side of the highway leading from the Congregational meeting-house in Montville to Haughton's Cove, a short distance south of the present residence of A. A. Parker, Esq. He died about 1771, aged one hundred and five years. Tradition says "that his appearance in the last years of his life was that of a venerable old man, his long gray hair covering his shoulders, and when seen in the field without a hat upon his head, which was his usual custom, he had the appearance of an old prophet."

#### Children.

42. Grace, b. at North Parish about 1703; m. 14 Nov., 1728, Elisha Myrick.
43. Mary, b. at North Parish about 1705; m. 25 May, 1728, Thomas Bolles.
44. Daniel, b. at North Parish about 1708; m. 26 July, 1738, Sarah Williams, probably a cousin.
45. Alpheus, b. at North Parish about       ; m. 31 Jan., 1745, Delight, dau. of James Harris (4).
46. Thomas, b. at North Parish; m. 7 April, 1751, Sarah, dau. of Adonijah Fitch.

III. SAMUEL (11), b. Dec., 1669, second son of Samuel Rogers and Mary Stanton; m. 16 Jan., 1694, Abigail, dau. of John Plumb. He was a farmer, and lived in the west part of North Parish, in the present town of Salem.

#### Children.

47. Anna, b. at N. L. 24 April, 1698; m. Samuel Gilbert.
48. Abigail, bap. at N. L. 8 Dec., 1700.
49. Samuel, bap. at N. L. 10 May, 1702; m. 1730 Lucy Denison.
50. Mary, b. at N. L. 17 Dec., 1704; m. Asa Harris of Preston, Conn.
51. Thomas, bap. at N. L. 3 May, 1707.



- 52. Jonathan, b. at N. L.
- 53. Daniel, b. at N. L.
- 54. George, bap. at N. L. 28 May, 1710.
- 55. Mercy, bap. at N. L. 13 July, 1711.

III. JONATHAN (14), b. about 1680, youngest son of Samuel Rogers and Mary Stanton; m. in 1708, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Pemberton. He was a farmer, and owned the farm on which he lived, located near the village of Uncasville, in Montville.

#### Children.

- 56. Dorothy, b. at New London 8 Sept., 1709.
- 57. Elizabeth, b. at N. L. 10 Sept., 1711.
- 58. James, b. at N. L. 20 Jan., 1713; m. Susanna Congdon.
- 59. Joseph, b. at N. L. 14 Aug., 1716; m. Martha Congdon.
- 60. Mary, b. at N. L. 18 July, 1718; unmarried in 1760.
- 61. Hepsibah, b. ; m. Pemberton Baker.
- 62. Lydia, b. ; m. Caleb Morgan.
- 63. Juba, b.
- 64. Sarah, b. ; m. Champlin.

III. JAMES (15), b. about 1672, eldest son of Joseph Rogers and Sarah ; married 27 March, 1699, Sarah Stevens of Killingworth, Conn. He died 21 July, 1721. She died 4 Jan., 1752.

#### Children.

- 65. Sarah, b. at N. L. 12 May, 1700; m. Mathew Smith.
- 66. Anna, b. at N. L. 27 Nov., 1701; m. Jonathan Weeks.
- 67. Mary, b. ; m. Joseph Leach.
- 68. Abia, b. 28 March, 1708; m. Ebenezer Darrow.
- 69. Hannah, b. 3 Aug., 1710; m. Ezekiel Beebe.
- 70. Zariah, b. 11 Sept., 1712; m. Samuel Powers.
- 71. Priscilla, b. 8 Feb., 1715; m. Jonathan Leach.
- 72. James, b. 6 July, 1717; m. Mehitable Newberry.

III. JOHN (17), b. 20 March, 1675, third son of Joseph Rogers and Sarah ; married 1 Feb., 1718, De-

borah Brighton. He received from his father's estate, thirty-four acres of land, a house and orchard near New London. He died in 1739.

#### Children.

- 73. Joseph, b. 16 Sept., 1720.
- 74. John, b. 6 Aug., 1722; m. Ann Tinker.
- 75. Deborah, b. 1725; m. 6 Dec., 1746, Moses Stark.
- 76. Catherine, b. 1728.
- 77. Rowland, b. 23 April, 1732; m. . Moved  
to Nova Scotia. He was a Tory.
- 78. Lucy, b. 1737; died young.

III. ROWLAND (19), b. about 1680, fifth son of Joseph Rogers and Sarah ; married about 1708, Mary ———. He was a farmer, and settled in Lyme on a farm given him by his father. He died in 1712.

#### Children.

- 79. Eziber, b.
- 80. Joshua, b. 10 Sept., 1711; m. Experience ———.

III. JOHN (24), b. 20 March, 1694, eldest son of John Rogers and Elizabeth Griswold, m. 2 Jan., 1700, Bathsheba, daughter of Richard Smith, a cousin. She died 28 Jan., 1722. He afterwards married Elizabeth Dodge. He died 18 June, 1753.

#### Children.

- 81. John, b. at N. L. 11 Nov., 1700; died of small pox  
1721.
- 82. James, b. at N. L. 7 Dec., 1701; m. Grace Harris.
- 83. Samuel, b. at N. L. 1 June, 1703; died young.
- 84. Samuel, b. at N. L. 8 Oct., 1704; died young.
- 85. Elizabeth, b. at N. L. 14 June, 1706.
- 86. Ichabod, b. at N. L. 20 Oct., 1709; m. Mary Savol.
- 87. Jonathan, b. 21 June, 1711.
- 88. Samuel, b. 17 April, 1713; m. Hannah Gardner.
- 89. Jemima, b. 23 Nov., 1714; m. Cooley.
- 90. Deborah, b. 6 Dec., 1716.

## Children by second wife.

91. John, b. 14 April, 1724; m. Delight Green.
92. Mary, b. 8 June, 1725; m. Ebenezer Bolles.
93. Sarah, b. 17 July, 1727; died young.
94. Alexander, b. 13 June, 1728; m. 1st, Graco Rogers;  
2d, Rachel Larrabee.
95. Sarah, b. 4 Nov., 1730; m. Gilbert.
96. Nathaniel, b. 2 May, 1732; died 1802.
97. Elizabeth, b. 22 May, 1734; died 1804.
98. Jonathan, b. 9 March, 1736.
99. Daniel, b. 7 Sept., 1739; died unmarried at Groton in  
1773. He left by will to his four brothers and to  
two sisters all his property, amounting to £221,  
15s. 1d.

III. JAMES (27), b. 2 Feb., 1675, oldest son of James Rogers and Mary Jordan; married Elizabeth, daughter of Harris. He lived on "Town Hill," near New London and owned a windmill. He removed from New London to Norwalk in 1726, where he died in the year 1733. His wife (2d, probably) survived him, and died there in 1739, aged 46 years.

## Children.

100. Edward, b. at N. L. 14 May, 1702.
101. James, b. at N. L. 20 Aug., 1704; m. Mary Harris.
102. Jedediah, b. at New London about 1709.
103. Uriah, b. about 1710.
104. Mary, b. about 1712; m. Jonathan Chester.
105. Nehemiah, b. about 1717.
106. Stephen, b. about 1720.
107. Moses, b. about 1724.
108. Aaron, b. about 1726.

III. WILLIAM (34), b. 10 May, 1693, youngest son of James Rogers and Mary Jordan; m. 28 Aug., 1713, Elizabeth, daughter of James Harris and Sarah Denison. He died 1741. She afterwards married John Tinker.

## Children.

- 109. Jordan, b. about 1715; died 1754.
- 110. Jeremiah, b. about 1717; m. Patience ———. Settled at Middletown, R. I., where they had children born, and where he died in 1764. One daughter, Elizabeth, m. Deacon William Tilley of Newport, R. I.
- 111. Peter, b. about 1719; m. Lucy (Tinkor) Harris, widow of Daniel.
- 112. Elizabeth, b. about 1721.
- 113. William, b. about 1723.
- 114. Nathaniel, b. about 1725; m. Theoda Miner.
- 115. Lydia, b. about 1729; m. John Dodge.
- 116. Ebenezer, b. about 1733; m. Naomi (Fox) Beebe.
- 117. Timothy, b. about 1735; m. Eunice Hammond.
- 118. Josiah, b. ; m. Lucretia Harris.
- 119. Sarah, b. ; m. Ransom.

III. JONATHAN (39), born about 1690, only son of Jonathan Rogers and Naomi Burdick; married Judith ———. He settled in Rhode Island. He died in 1784, aged 94 years. She died 26 June, 1805.

## Children.

- 120. Judith, b. 30 Nov., 1712; m. Thomas Potter.
- 121. Jonathan, b. 24 Nov., 1714; m. 26 Oct., 1737, Hannah Hiscox of Westerly.
- 122. Pease, b. 30 Aug., 1716.
- 123. Nathan, b. ; m. 1st, Martha Davis; 2d, Hannah Crandall.
- 124. David, b. 8 March, 1719; m. three times; 1st, Grace, dau. of Daniel Lester.
- 125. Ruth, b. ; m. Samuel Maxon.
- 126. Bothia, b. April, 1725; m. Elder John Davis.
- 127. Tacy, b. ; m. Elder John Maxon.
- 128. Hannah, b. 25 Dec., 1727; m. Elisha Stillman.
- 129. Mary, b. 26 May, 1731.

IV. DANIEL (44), b. about 1708, eldest son of Daniel Rogers and Grace Williams; married 26 July, 1738, Sarah,

daughter of Ebenezer Williams. He settled in New Salem Society, now in the town of Salem.

#### Children.

130. Gurdon, b.                   ; m.  
131. Ebenezer, b. 3 June, 1744; m. Elizabeth Gates.

IV. ALPHIEUS (45), b. about ———; second son of Daniel Rogers and Grace Williams; married 31 Jan., 1745, Delight, daughter of James Harris. He was a farmer, and settled in New Salem Society, on land inherited from his father. He died 12 Feb., 1779. She died 10 March, 1783.

#### Children.

132. Sarah, b. 27 Oct., 1745; m. Seth W. Holmes. She died 17 Sept., 1778.  
133. Johial, b. 3 Jan., 1747; m. Amy Vibber.  
134. Alpheus, b. 12 Oct., 1750; m. He was a physician.  
135. Grace, b. 28 Jan., 1754; died 8 June, 1773, unm.  
136. Asa, b. 14 Feb., 1756; m. Hannah Harris.  
137. James, b. 7 July, 1759; m. He was a deacon in the Baptist church in Colchester.

IV. THOMAS (46), b. about ———; third son of Daniel Rogers and Grace Williams; m. 7 April, 1751, Sarah, daughter of Adonijah Fitch. He was a farmer, and settled in Montville on the farm given to him by his father. He died 1801.

#### Children.

138. Botsey, b. at North Parish 25 June, 1751; m. Perez Bradford.  
139. Parthenia, b. at N. P. 8 Nov., 1752; m. Benjamin Bradford.  
140. Adonijah, b. at N. P. 18 Nov., 1754; m. Anna Nobles.  
141. Thomas, b. at N. P. 10 April, 1757; m. Mary Baker.  
142. Sarah, twin to Thomas, m. Peletiah Tuttle.  
143. Andrew, b. at N. P. 24 July, 1759; m. Elizabeth Rogers.

144. Azel, b. at N. P. 27 July, 1765; m. Sarah Baker.  
 145. Frederick, b. at N. P. 1768; m. 1st, Parthenia Baker;  
 2d, Desire Vibber; 3d, Abigail (Bolles) Wright.

IV. SAMUEL (49), b. 10 May, 1702, son of Samuel Rogers and Abigail Plumb; married in 1730, Lucy Denison, born 1702, daughter of Robert Denison. He settled in North Parish, New Salem Society. The homestead was a few rods west of the "Bland Tavern." He was a farmer, and concerned in the town affairs.

#### Children.

146. Daniel, b. ; m. Hannah Latimer.  
 147. Prudence, b. 9 Dec., 1734; m. Daniel Harris.  
 148. James, b. 8 Feb., 1739; m. Zilpha Hyde.  
 149. Mary, b. ; m. John Bradford.  
 150. Elizabeth, b. ; died unmarried.  
 151. Applin, b. ; died unmarried.  
 152. Jabez, b. ; m. Sarah Gorton, and settled  
 in Vermont. He had a son who married a daughter  
 of Governor Chittenden of Vermont.

IV. JAMES (58), b. 20 Jan., 1713, eldest son of Jonathan Rogers and Elizabeth Pemberton; married 12 March, 1751, Susanna Congdon, daughter of Jeremiah Congdon. He settled in North Parish, near the present village of Uncasville. He was a farmer. He died in 1783.

#### Children.

153. Jeremiah, b. 3 Sept., 1752; m. Nancy Forsyth.  
 154. Ann, b. 10 Sept., 1754.  
 155. Lydia, b. 23 May, 1756.  
 156. Elizabeth, b. 27 March, 1760; m. Andrew Rogers.  
 157. Eunice, b. 24 April, 1762.  
 158. James, b. 8 Aug., 1764; m. Elizabeth Howard.  
 159. Jonathan, b. 2 April, 1767; m. Huldah Church.

IV. JOSEPH (59), b. 14 Aug., 1716, son of Jonathan Rogers and Elizabeth Pemberton; married 23 Jan., 1754,

Martha Congdon, daughter of Jeremiah Congdon. He lived at North Parish, near the village of Uncasville.

Children.

- 160. Amy, b. 19 Jan., 1755.
- 161. Elizabeth, b. 23 March, 1756.
- 162. Martha, b. 16 Feb., 1758.
- 163. Joseph, b. 10 Aug., 1761; m. Esther Church.
- 164. David, b. 22 Jan., 1765; m. Lucinda Gardner.
- 165. Fanny, b. 1768; m. James Comstock.

IV. JAMES (72), b. 6 July, 1717, only son of James Rogers and Sarah ———; married in 1746, Mehitable Newberry, daughter of John Newberry. She died 8 Dec., 1787. He died in 1790.

Children.

- 166. Mehitabel, b. 16 June, 1747; m. John Tinker.
- 167. Sarah, b. 9 Aug., 1748; m. James Moore.
- 168. Elizabeth, b. 12 Nov., 1749; m. Powers.
- 169. James, b. 6 Oct., 1751; m. Sarah Fish.
- 170. Solomon, b. 9 June, 1754; m. Lucretia Packer.
- 171. Hannah, b. 11 July, 1756; m. Merriman.
- 172. Stevens, b. 14 March, 1758; m. Abigail Powers.
- 173. Mary, b. 21 June, 1760; m. Paul Beebe.
- 174. Isaac, b. 30 June, 1762; m. Mary Griffin.

IV. JOHN (74), b. 6 Aug., 1722, second son of John Rogers and Deborah Brighton; married 17 Nov., 1748, Ann Tinker. She died 11 Nov., 1835. He died 9 Oct., 1836.

Children.

- 175. Ann, b. 24 July, 1749; died 1 June, 1755.
- 176. Hannah, b. 7 Aug., 1751; m. Peter Rogers, Jr.
- 177. Sarah, b. 4 Sept., 1753; m. Nicholas Darrow.
- 178. Catherine, b. 27 Nov., 1755; m. Nathaniel Harris.
- 179. Ann, b. 11 Aug., 1757; m. Amos Keeney.
- 180. John, b. 2 Dec., 1759; died young.
- 181. Israel, b. 4 Sept., 1761; m. Zerial Miner.
- 182. Lucy, b. 4 Oct., 1763.

IV. JOSHUA (80), b. 10 Sept., 1711, son of Rowland Rogers and Mary ———; married Experience ———.

He was a minister, and a member of the Baptist church at Great Neck. He settled in Lyme. His wife died about 1752. He married, second, Lydia Miner. He committed suicide by hanging himself, about 1756.

#### Children.

- 183. Eunice, b. 29 Dec., 1733.
- 184. Isaiah, b. 29 Jan., 1739; m. 1st, ———; 2d, Betsey Sill; 3d, Elizabeth Beckwith.
- 185. Elias, b. 5 Nov., 1742.
- 186. Joshua, b. 5 March, 1746.
- 187. Mary, b. 30 March, 1748.
- 188. Lois, b. 31 Jan., 1752.

#### Children by second wife.

- 189. Jemima, b. 14 March, 1754.
- 190. Rowland, b. 9 Nov., 1756; m. Elizabeth Champlin.

IV. JAMES (82), b. 7 Dec., 1701, second son of John Rogers and Bathsheba Smith; m. 8 Dec., 1725, Grace, daughter of Lieutenant Joseph Harris. He was a cooper, and died 29 March, 1754.

#### Children.

- 191. Grace, b. 24 June, 1730; m. Peter Rogers.
- 192. John, b. 9 May, 1733; died unm., 24 Oct., 1753.
- 193. Bathsheba, b. 14 May, 1734; m. Henry Deshon.
- 194. Esther, b. 7 Oct., 1736; died 20 March, 1764.
- 195. Elizabeth, b. 15 Nov., 1738; died young.
- 196. James, b. 14 April, 1740; m. Mary Comstock.
- 197. Elizabeth, b. 9 June, 1742; m. Deacon Robert Manwaring.
- 198. Jonathan, b. 26 March, 1745.
- 199. Mary, b. 30 July, 1747.

IV. ICHABOD (86), b. 20 Oct., 1709, fifth son of John Rogers and Bathsheba Smith; married 23 Feb., 1744, Mary, daughter of John Savol. He died 30 May, 1771.



## Children.

- 200. John, b. 13 Dec., 1744; died young.
- 201. William, b. 5 Aug., 1746.
- 202. John, b. 1 July, 1748; m. Larrabee.
- 203. Melitabel, b. 23 July, 1751; died young.
- 204. Edward, b. 28 Oct., 1752.
- 205. Sayol, b. 18 Oct., 1754.
- 206. Mehitabel, b. July, 1756; m. Caleb Coats.
- 207. Jason, b. 28 Nov., 1757; m. Fanny Allen.
- 208. Sarah, b. 20 Aug., 1759; m. James Carroll.
- 209. Bailey, b. 20 June, 1761.
- 210. Abigail, b. 8 March, 1763; m. Nathaniel Smith.

IV. SAMUEL (88), b. 17 April, 1713, seventh son of John Rogers and Bathsheba Smith, married about 1733, Hannah Gardner.

## Children.

- 211. John, b. 21 July, 1734; m. Elizabeth Bolles.
- 212. Deborah, b. 21 March, 1736; m. Joseph Bolles.
- 213. Samuel, b. 16 April, 1738.
- 214. . Hannah, b. 8 April, 1740; m. John Harris.
- 215. Isaiah, b. 7 May, 1744. Lost at sea.
- 216. Jonathan, b. 12 May, 1745; died unmarried.
- 217. Bathsheba, b. 20 March, 1748; m. Daniel Burns, and  
had one son, Daniel, who married Fanny Rogers.
- 218. Sarah, b. ; m. Swan.

IV. JOHN (91), b. 14 April, 1724, eighth son of John Rogers and Elizabeth Dodge; married 2 Jan., 1755, Delight Green, daughter of Benjamin Green. He settled in New London, now Waterford, where he died 11 Feb., 1799. She died 2 Nov., 1815.

## Children.

- 219. Mary, b. 25 Jan., 1756; m. Nathan Comstock.
- 220. Almy, b. 7 Sept., 1757; m. Elijah Bolles.
- 221. Elizabeth, b. 2 Sept., 1759; died in 1836, unm.
- 222. John, b. 14 Oct., 1761.
- 223. Delight, b. 16 March, 1764.
- 224. Anna, b. 13 June, 1767; m. Hezekiah Bolles.

- 225. Benjamin, b. 17 May, 1769; removed to Vermont.
- 226. Sarah, b. 18 May, 1772; m. Jonathan Rogers.
- 227. Alexander, b. 26 March, 1775. He was drowned.

IV. ALEXANDER (94), b. 13 June, 1728, ninth son of John Rogers by second wife, Elizabeth Dodge; married 1st, Grace, daughter of ———. She died without issue. He afterwards married Rachel Larrabee.

#### Children.

- 228. Alexander, b. 20 July, 1779; m. Nancy Green.
- 229. Desire, twin to Alexander; m. John Watrous.
- 230. Sarah, b. 1784; m. Zephaniah Watrous.
- 231. Rachel, b. 1786; m. Timothy Watrous.
- 232. Nancy, b. 1788; m. Henry Watrous.
- 233. Daniel, b. 1790; m. Sarah Newberry.

IV. JAMES (101), b. 20 Aug., 1704, second son of James Rogers and Elizabeth Harris; m. Mary, daughter of Peter Harris.

#### Children.

- 234. Lemuel, b. 10 Dec., 1723; m. Love Richards.
- 235. Peter, b. 3 Oct., 1725; m. Grace Rogers.
- 236. Ichabod, b. 1728; m. Ruth Shipley, 21 April, 1751.
- 237. Mary, b.
- 238. Edward, b.
- 239. Uriah, b. 1732; m. Mary Howell. They had one son, Dr. Howell Rogers, who settled in Colchester.
- 240. Jeremiah, b. 1736.
- 241. James, b. 1738; m. Mary ———.
- 242. Elizabeth, b. 1741; m.

IV. PETER (111), b. 1719, third son of William Rogers and Elizabeth Harris; married 21 Feb., 1744, Widow Lucy Harris, daughter of Tinker and widow of Daniel Harris. He died 19 Dec., 1793.

## Children.

- 243. Daniel, b. 20 Feb., 1745; died young.
- 244. William, b. 3 Aug., 1747; m. 1st, Grace Rogers; 2d, Elizabeth Tinker.
- 245. Lucy, b. July, 1751; m. Dr. Simcon Wolcott.
- 246. Jordan, b. 12 Dec., 1754; died young.
- 247. Harris, b. 12 Jan., 1756; m. Fanny Packwood. Lost at sea.
- 248. Peter, b. 15 May, 1759; m. Hannah Rogers. He was lost at sea at the same time of his brother.

IV. NATHANIEL (114), b. 1725, fifth son of William Rogers and Elizabeth Harris; married 13 Sept., 1747, Theoda, daughter of Jesse Miner and granddaughter of Joseph Miner.

## Children.

- 249. Elizabeth, b. 12 April, 1748.
- 250. Jeremiah, b. 1 March, 1750.
- 251. Lydia, b. 8 Aug., 1751.
- 252. Theoda, b. 14 March, 1753.
- 253. Nathaniel, b. 11 Nov., 1754.
- 254. Hannah, b. 15 July, 1756.
- 255. Lucinda, b. 16 April, 1761.
- 256. Susanna, b. 20 May, 1763.

IV. EBENEZER (116), b. 1733, sixth son of William Rogers and Elizabeth Harris; married 18 Oct., 1754, Widow Naomi Beebe, daughter of Samuel Fox, born 21 April, 1731. He died in 1796. She died 28 March, 1813.

## Children.

- 257. Amos, b. 22 Nov., 1755; m. Sarah Phillips of Lyme.
- 258. Ebenczer, b. 5 Sept., 1758; m. widow Thankful Avery. He committed suicide by hanging himself.
- 259. Lucretia, b. 11 June, 1760; m. William Stewart.
- 260. Daniel, b. 22 July, 1768; m. Rebecca Crocker.

IV. TIMOTHY (117), b. 1735, seventh son of William Rogers and Elizabeth Harris; married Eunice, daughter of Noah Hammond and Anna Baker.

## Children.

- 261. Daniel, b.
- 262. Nancy, b. 1763; m. John Harris.
- 263. Betsey, b. 4 Feb., 1766; m. Deacon Henry Harris.
- 264. Josiah, b. ; m. twice.
- 265. Drusilla, b. ; m. 1st, Nathan Steward; 2d,  
Ebenezer Maynard.
- 266. Charlotta, b. ; m. 1st, Andrews; 2d,  
——— Beach.

IV. JONATHAN (121), b. 24 Nov., 1714, eldest son of Jonathan Rogers and Judith ———; married 26 Oct., 1737, Hannah, daughter of Thomas Wilcox of Westerly, R. I. She died 7 Oct., 1750. He afterwards married 17 Nov., 1751, Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel Nowberry.

## Children.

- 267. Amy, b. 31 Oct., 1738; m. Jonathan Wells.
- 268. Lydia, b. 14 Nov., 1740; died in 1832, unm.
- 269. Hannah, b. 13 April, 1743; m. ——— Beebe.
- 270. Clark, b. 15 Jan., 1745; m. Esther Rogers.
- 271. Ephraim, b. 16 May, 1747; m. Tacy Maxson.
- 272. Aress, b. Aug., 1749; m. Daniel Peckham.

## Child by second wife.

- 273. Sarah, b. Dec., 1752; m. Ezra Harris.

IV. NATHAN (123), b. ———; second son of Jonathan Rogers and Judith ———; married 1st, Martha Davis. She died 1756. He afterwards married, 1 Sept., 1757, Hannah Crandall of Hopkinton, R. I.

## Children.

- 274. Nathan, b. 1 Nov., 1741; died unm.
- 275. Amos, b. 16 June, 1743; m. Settled in Greenfield,  
N. Y.
- 276. Cary, b. 9 May, 1745; m. Settled in New York.
- 277. Elizabeth, b. 3 June, 1747; m. ——— Landphere.
- 278. Jeremiah, b. 2 July, 1749; m. probably Fanny Hoxie  
of Newport, R. I., 5 May, 1783. Settled in New  
York.

279. Martha, b. 9 Feb., 1751; m. Greenman.  
 280. Davis, b. 1 Sept., 1754; m. Hannah ———.

Children by second wife.

281. Judith, b. 3 Sept., 1758; m. Timothy Loster.  
 282. Jonathan, b. 10 Nov., 1760; m. Milly Green.  
 283. Phineas, b. 5 March, 1764; m. Rebecca Beebe.  
 284. Jesse, b. 10 Jan., 1767. Settled in the State of N. Y.  
 285. Ethan, b. 5 Dec., 1768; m. Sally Truman.  
 286. Nancy, b. ; m. Theodore Blivin.

IV. DAVID (124), b. 8 March, 1719, third son of Jonathan Rogers and Judith ———; married in 1743, 1st, Grace Lester, daughter of David Lester, by whom he had ten children, born at Waterford; 2d, Judith Green; 3d, Susanna Truman. He died 17 Oct., 1803, aged 84 years.

Children.

287. Ezekiel, b. 7 Dec., 1744; died in 1780 of prison fever.  
 288. Esther, b. 30 July, 1746; m. Clark Rogers.  
 289. Ruth, b. 28 Aug., 1748; m. Phineas Crandall.  
 290. David, b. 15 Oct., 1750; died a young man.  
 291. Thomas, b. 20 Dec., 1752; m. Desire Downs.  
 292. Zebulon, b. 3 July, 1757; m. Sally Green.  
 293. Grace, b. 25 March, 1760; m. Benjamin Green.  
 294. Lester, b. 11 Dec., 1762; m. Polly Tuthill.  
 295. Paul, b. 27 Aug., 1766; m. Polly Barton.  
 296. Silas, b. twin to Paul; died young.

V. EBENEZER (131), b. 3 June, 1744, son of Daniel Rogers and Sarah Williams; m. 24 Nov., 1744, Elizabeth Gates, b. 17 Jan., 1756. Settled in New Salem Society, now Salem, Conn.

Children.

297. Lydia, b. 15 June, 1776.  
 298. Betsey, b. 7 Jan., 1778.  
 299. Daniel, b. 23 Nov., 1787.  
 300. Ebenezer, b. 27 Dec., 1792.

V. JEHIAL (133), b. 3 Jan., 1747, eldest son of Alpheus Rogers and Delight Harris; m. Amy Vibber, b. about 1750, daughter of Nathaniel Vibber and Desire Brown. He was a farmer, and settled in Montville. He lived on the farm now owned by A. A. Parker. He was a deacon of the Baptist church, of which Elder Reuben Palmer was pastor. He died at Montville, 4 Dec., 1815. She died 11 Aug., 1827.

Children.

- 301. Grace, b. 11 Sept., 1776; died 13 March, 1797.
- 302. Sarah, b. 30 Sept., 1778; m. Nathaniel Parish.
- 303. Desire, b. 5 Jan., 1781; m. Jesse Jerome, 16 Dec., 1804.
- 304. Alpheus, b. 10 July, 1784; m. Deborah Walker.
- 305. Amy, b. 1 Aug., 1786; m. Azel Gardner.
- 306. Delight, b. 17 May, 1789; died 25 Aug., 1827, unm.
- 307. John B., b. 27 March, 1793; m. 1st, Nancy Maples; 2d, Elizabeth Scholfield.
- 308. Anna C., b. 26 Dec., 1794; m. Erastus Gardner.

V. ASA (136), b. 14 Feb., 1756, son of Alpheus Rogers and Delight Harris; married Hannah Harris, daughter of Ephraim Harris. Settled in New Salem Society. He was a farmer. About the year 1801 he removed to Hartford. Some of their descendants are still residing in Hartford. Among them were the Rogers Brothers of Hartford, jewelers, who were among the pioneers in electro and galvanic plating, and who are so widely known as manufacturers of all kinds of plated ware. Asa Rogers died at Hartford. The order or dates of births of his children have not been ascertained. Their names were:

Children.

- 308a. Asa, b.
- 308b. Simcon, b.
- 308c. William, b. 13 May, 1801; m. Nancy Wilson, 7 Dec., 1831.
- 308d. George, b.
- 308e. Julia, b.

- 308f. Sarah, b.
- 308g. Esther, b.
- 308h. Harriet, b.

V. ADONIJAH (140), b. 18 Nov., 1754, eldest son of Thomas Rogers and Sarah Fitch; married Anna Nobles, daughter of James Nobles and Anna Vibber, widow of William Vibber. He settled at Montville.

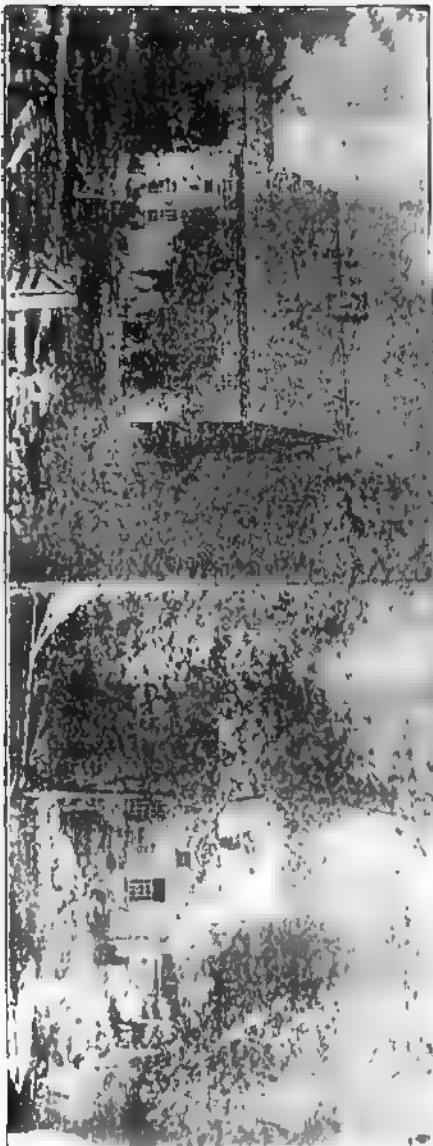
#### Children.

- 309. Charles Leo, b. 4 Nov., 1777; m. Abby Adams of Groton.
- 310. Nehemiah, b. 19 Sept., 1781.
- 311. Peletiah, b. 15 July, 1783.
- 312. Andrew, b. 5 Aug., 1785.
- 313. Sarah, b. 27 Oct., 1787.
- 314. Betsey, b. 13 Jan., 1790.
- 315. Adonijah, b. 7 Oct., 1792; m. and settled at Nobles-town, N. Y.
- 316. Ann Clarissa, b. 25 Feb., 1795.

V. THOMAS (141), b. 10 April, 1757, second son of Thomas Rogers and Sarah Fitch; married 7 Nov., 1784, Mary Baker, daughter of Joshua Baker and Abigail Bliss. He settled at Montville, and built the house in which he lived in 1789. The land on which the house stood was purchased of the Indians in 1787. He was a farmer and a seaman. He was captain of a whaling vessel. The farm on which he lived until his death is now owned by a grandson. She died 19 Jan., 1831. He died 2 June, 1842.

#### Children.

- 317. Elisha Hinman, b. 5 July, 1785; m. Mary Whipple.
- 318. Jared Starr, b. 7 Jan., 1787; died 1 Sept., 1816, unm.
- 319. Henry Truman, b. 24 April, 1789; m. Clarissa Cook.
- 320. John Baptist, b. 24 June, 1794; died young.
- 321. Thomas Perkins, b. 15 Jan., 1797; m. Mary Fish.
- 322. Mary Ann, b. 10 April, 1799; died 27 Dec., 1866; unmarried.
- 323. Eliza Bliss, b. 25 July, 1802; m. George Raymond, Jr.



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V. ANDREW (143), b. 24 July, 1759, son of Thomas Rogers and Sarah Fitch, married 13 Nov., 1788, Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of James Rogers and Susanna Congdon. He settled at Montville, where he died 23 Aug., 1792. She died 6 April, 1793.

## Children.

- 324. Lebbeus, b. 2 Aug., 1789; m.
- 325. Samuel, b. 3 July, 1790; m. Anna Butler, 15 Jan., 1817.
- 326. Andrew, b. 15 Jan., 1792; m.

V. AZEL (144), b. 27 July, 1765, son of Thomas Rogers and Sarah Fitch; married 31 Jan., 1790, Sarah Baker, daughter of Joshua Baker and Abigail Bliss. He settled at Montville. He was a farmer and blacksmith. The farm on which he lived and died was the homestead of his father, and is now owned and occupied by his grandson, S. C. Parker, and is situated about one mile east of the Congregational church. He held the office of town clerk and selectman for several years. He died 17 Aug., and she died 19 Aug, 1841. Both were buried in the family burying lot on the farm.

## Children.

- 327. Joshua, b. 26 July, 1790; m. Maria Church.
- 328. Azel Fitch, b. 18 Dec., 1791; m. Eleanor Fox.
- 329. Abby Baker, b. 7 July, 1794; m. Stephen Congdon, son of Deacon David Congdon and Mary Bishop, 25 Dec., 1814. They settled first at Waterford. He was a farmer. After having accumulated considerable property, they removed to Montville, and resided on the old Rogers homestead. She died 4 June, 1869. He died 6 Nov., 1871.
- 330. Sarah Ann, b. 22 Nov., 1803; m. 26 Jan., 1825, James Parker, son of James Parker and Zerviah Pettingill. He was a farmer and cooper, and they settled at Montville. Upon the death of her father he bought the homestead, and died there 1 Jan., 1859. They had one son, Stephen Congdon Parker, b. 9 March, 1830.

331. Caleb Baker, b. 25 June, 1806; m. 1st, Harriet Webb;  
2d, ———.
332. Frederick W. H., b. 13 June, 1813; m. Abby Ann  
Gardner.

V. FREDERICK (145), b. 1768, son of Thomas Rogers and Sarah Fitch; m. 1 May, 1790, Parthenia Baker, daughter of Joshua Baker and Abigail Bliss. He was a farmer, and built the house afterwards owned by the first ecclesiastical society, and for many years occupied as a parsonage. He lived there from 1804, at which time it was built, to his removal to the "Point," so called, on the Thames River, and now called Massapeag. His first wife died July, 1796. He afterwards married, 30 July, 1797, Desire Vibber, born 13 Sept., 1772, daughter of Nathaniel Vibber. She died without issue, 6 Jan., 1842. He then married, 20 Sept., 1846, Abigail (Bolles) Wright, who survived him, and died in 1870. He died 27 Aug., 1850.

#### Children.

333. Benjamin, b. 1 Feb., 1791; m. Phebe Champlin.
334. Thomas, b. 2 June, 1793; m. Elizabeth Tuttle.
335. Parthenia, b. Dec., 1795; m. Samuel Champlin.

V. JAMES (148), b. 8 Feb., 1739, son of Samuel Rogers and Lucy Denison; m. 1762, Zilpha Hyde, daughter of Eleazer Hyde and Sarah Hewitt. He settled in Norwich (Wauwecus Hill). He was a farmer, a large muscular frame; a Baptist by profession.

#### Children.

336. Eleazer, b. 25 Dec., 1763; m. Lucy Edgerton.
337. James, b. 18 Oct., 1765; m. 1st, Zerviah Ingraham;  
2d, Sarah Coit.
338. Lucy, b. 15 June, 1768; died 8 April, 1803; unm.
339. Sarah, b. 25 April, 1770; m. Phineas Leffingwell.
340. Denison, b. 20 April, 1772; m. Nancy Pendleton.
341. Eliab, b. 27 May, 1774; m. Mary Hyde.

342. Hannah, b. 9 Sept., 1776; m. Jabez Bushnell.

343. Lydia, b. 24 Feb., 1778; m. Jabez Leffingwell.

V. JEREMIAH (153), b. 3 Sept., 1752, son of James Rogers and Susanna Congdon; married 21 July, 1777, Nancy Forsyth. He was a physician, and settled in Montville. His residence was on the old New London road in Palmertown, and was afterwards the residence of the late Albert G. Darrow.

#### Children.

344. Horatio, b. 13 Nov., 1777; m. ——— Saxton.

345. Susanna, b. 19 March, 1779; m. Samuel Thompson.

346. Nancy, b. 26 Feb., 1781; m. William Adams.

347. Charles, b. 13 March, 1782; died young.

348. Sophia, b. 4 Feb., 1784; m. Clark Case.

349. Hypocrates, b. 1787; died in 1806.

V. JAMES (158), b. 8 Aug., 1764, son of James Rogers and Susanna Congdon; married Elizabeth Howard, daughter of Elder Nathan Howard by his second wife. He settled at Montville. The old house in which he lived is still standing (1884), a few rods from the highway between Pequot village and Uncasville. He died 20 July, 1835. She died 28 Feb., 1838, aged 77 years.

#### Children.

350. Nathan, b. 5 July, 1786; m. Elizabeth Brown.

351. Jeremiah, b. about 1787; m. Polly Brown.

352. James, b. 28 Dec., 1789; died young.

353. Betsey, b. 9 Aug., 1790; m. 1st, William Callahan;  
2d, Rev. David N. Bentley of Norwich.

354. Nancy, b. about 1793; m. Erastus Chapel.

355. Richard, b. 24 Oct., 1795; m. Charlotte ———.

356. David, b. ; settled West.

357. Hiram, b. ; settled West.

358. Abby, b. ; m. Samuel Latimer.

359. Hannah, b. ; m. James McClelland.

V. JONATHAN (159), b. 2 April, 1767, son of James Rogers and Susanna Congdon; m. Huldah Church,

## Children.

- 360. Jonathan, b. ; m. ——— Colver.
- 361. Isaac, b. about 1797; m. Anna Bailey.
- 362. Lyman, b. 14 Oct., 1799; m. 1st, Almira Turner; 2d, widow of David Turner; 3d, Nancy Perkins.
- 363. Fanny, b. ; m. Steward Towers.
- 364. Octavia, b. ; died unmarried.
- 365. Mary, b. ; m. Joseph Allyn.
- 366. Ursula, b. ; m. Simeon Chapman.

V. JOSEPH (163), b. 10 Aug., 1761, son of Joseph Rogers and Martha Congdon; married 15 Feb., 1785, Esther Church. He was a farmer, and settled in Montville, where he died, 27 March, 1831.

## Children.

- 367. Sophia, b. 20 March, 1786; m. Sanford Congdon.
- 368. Sally, b. 5 June, 1788; m. Peregrene Wheeler.
- 369. John, b. 16 Dec., 1792; m.
- 370. Joseph, b. 13 March, 1794; m.
- 371. Charles, b. 31 March, 1796; m.
- 372. Patty, b. 20 May, 1798; m. ——— Young.
- 373. David, b. 11 April, 1801.
- 374. Eliza, b. 9 Dec., 1802; m.
- 375. Amy, b. about 1804; m. Sanford Congdon, 2d wife.
- 376. Hypocrates, b. about 1806; died unm.
- 377. Esther, b. about 1808; died unm.

V. STEVENS (172), b. 14 March, 1758, son of James Rogers and Mehitabel Newberry; married 11 April, 1786, Abigail Powers, b. 4 Dec., 1759. He died 25 July, 1811. She afterwards married second husband, Byrne of Windham, and died 9 Dec., 1856.

## Children.

- 378. Sally, b. 6 March, 1787; m. Amos Rogers.
- 379. Stevens, b. 13 Feb., 1789; m. Mary Rogers.
- 380. Lydia, b. 2 Jan., 1791; m. John Byrne.
- 381. Abigail, b. 24 Sept., 1793; m. Gilbert Rogers.

V. ISAAO (174), b. 30 June, 1762, son of James Rogers and Mehitabel Newberry; m. 13 April, 1786, Mary Griffin.

Children.

- 382. Doctor James, b. 10 June, 1787; m. Eliza Latimer.
- 383. David, b. 7 Oct., 1789; died young.
- 384. Fanny, b. 22 Nov., 1791; died young.
- 385. Isaac, b. 3 Nov., 1793; m. ——— Tinker. He was a Mormon, and died at Salt Lake City.

V. ISAIAH (184), b. 29 Jan., 1739, son of Joshua Rogers and Experience ———; m. 1st, ———; 2d, Betsey Sill, who was the mother of six children; 3d, Elizabeth Beckwith.

Children.

- 386. Polly, b. 17 Oct., 1767; died unm.
- 387. Betsey, b. 16 Oct., 1769; died unm.
- 388. Mathew, b. 14 Sept., 1771; m. Sarah Weeks.
- 389. Esther, b. 10 Sept., 1773; died unm.
- 390. Richard, b. 24 Oct., 1775; m. Louisa Miner.
- 391. Clarissa, b. Sept., 1779.

Child by Third Wife.

- 392. Isaiah, b. Sept., 1781; m. Eunice Way.

V. JAMES (196), b. 14 April, 1740, son of James Rogers and Grace Harris; married 22 July, 1764, Mary Comstock, daughter of Zebediah and Bertha Prentice. He died 24 Feb., 1821. She died 30 July, 1821.

Children.

- 393. James, b. 30 Oct., 1765.
- 394. Jonathan, b. 18 Oct., 1767; m. Sarah Rogers.
- 395. Zebediah, b. 15 Dec., 1769; m. Catherine Richards.
- 396. John, b. 16 Oct., 1771.
- 397. Mary, b. 20 Jan., 1774; died 1 Jan., 1790.
- 398. Martha, b. 7 April, 1776; died 2 Feb., 1799.
- 399. Fanny, b. 20 March, 1778; died 22 Aug., 1781.
- 400. Grace, b. 9 April, 1780; died 26 Aug., 1781.
- 401. Fanny, b. 24 Aug., 1782.

- 402. Grace, twin to Fanny; died 1785.
- 403. Stevens, b. 25 Oct., 1784; died 28 Nov., 1808.
- 404. Harris, b. 4 May, 1787; m. Joanna Strickland.
- 405. Charles, b. 20 June, 1789; died 11 Jan., 1824.

V. JOIIN (202), b. 1 July, 1748, son of Ichabod Rogers and Mary Savol; m. ——— Larrabee.

Children.

- 406. Esther, b. 8 May, 1777; m. Samuel Chappell.
- 407. Mary, b. 1 Aug., 1779; m. Silas Richards.
- 408. John, b. 23 March, 1782; died unm.
- 409. Giles, b. 5 June, 1784.
- 410. Betsey, b. 8 July, 1786; m. Jonathan Wiggins.
- 411. Savol, b. 27 Feb., 1789.
- 412. Thomas, b. 16 March, 1792.
- 413. Ichabod, b. 30 Sept., 1795.

V. JASON (207), b. 28 Nov., 1757, son of Ichabod Rogers and Mary Savol; married 29 May, 1783, Fanny Allen.

Children.

- 414. David Allen, b. 24 Feb., 1784.
- 415. Jason, b. 1 June, 1786; m. ——— Davis. Was left on the Island of Trinidad.
- 416. Fanny, b. 19 March, 1788; died young.
- 417. Grace, b. 25 March, 1790; died young.
- 418. Ann, b. 7 Feb., 1792; died young.
- 419. Jonathan, b. 29 Dec., 1794.
- 420. Mary, b. 20 Aug., 1796.
- 421. Esther, b. 30 May, 1798.
- 422. Benjamin, b. 24 Aug., 1800.
- 423. Erastus, b. 6 Nov., 1802; killed in the Florida war.
- 424. Caroline, b. 4 May, 1805.
- 425. Fanny, b. 22 Sept., 1808.

V. JOHN (211), b. 21 July, 1734, son of Samuel Rogers and Hannah Gardner; married Elizabeth Bolles, daughter of John Bolles and Elizabeth Wood.

## Children.

426. John, b.

427. Gurdon, b.

They were drowned together in the Thames River,  
near the Benham place, a short distance above  
New London.

428. Jeremiah, b. ; m. Hannah Bolles.

429. Fanny, b. ; m. Joshua Wheeler.

430. Betsey, b. ; m. John Wheeler.

431. Eunice, b. ; m. Ebenezer Wheeler.

432. David, b. 1774; m. Polly (Story) Wheeler.

V. ALEXANDER (228), b. 20 July, 1779, son of  
Alexander Rogers and Rachel Larrabee; married Nancy  
Green, b. 5 March, 1783, daughter of Benjamin Green.  
He settled at Waterford, and died 14 June, 1832. She died  
10 Sept., 1869.

## Children.

433. Alexander, b. 22 Feb., 1809; m. Eliza Stebbens, 15  
March, 1835.

434. Nancy, b. 2 May, 1812; died 28 Feb., 1855, unm.

435. Henry, b. 8 April, 1813; m. thrice; died 18 Aug.,  
1848.

436. John, b. 26 Oct., 1815; died 23 Nov., 1849.

437. Benjamin G., b. 13 Jan., 1818; m. Mary Green.

438. William, b. 21 April, 1820; m. Hannah Comstock.

439. Elias P., b. 1 May, 1822; m. Lucy Smith.

440. Christopher, b. 2 Nov., 1825; m. Sarah Smith.

441. Fanny G., b. 28 Feb., 1827; m. Hazzard R. Gates.

442. Mary, b. 3 March, 1830; died 5 Oct., 1831.

V. DANIEL (233), b. 1790, son of Alexander Rogers  
and Rachel Larrabee; married 2 Sept., 1813, Sally Newberry,  
daughter of Davis Newberry. He died ———. She died  
16 Dec., 1861.

## Children.

443. Sarah, b. 18 Jan., 1815; m. Hubbard Holdridge.

444. Rachel, b. 17 Nov., 1817; m. Charles Wheeler.



- 445. Lydia, b. 10 June, 1818; m. Raymond Lamb.
- 446. Catherine, b. 4 Sept., 1819; died young.
- 447. Amos W., b. 18 May, 1821; died 27 March, 1847.
- 448. Isaac, b. 20 May, 1823; m. ——— Whipple.
- 449. Williams, b. 15 Feb., 1825; m. 1st, Martha Sanders;  
2d, Mary Landphere.
- 450. Martha, b. twin to Williams; m. Jonathan Hill.
- 451. Clarissa, b. 22 Nov., 1829; m. Anson G. Baker.
- 452. Ephraim, b. 2 June, 1831; m. Phebe Ames.

V. LEMUEL (234), b. 10 Dec., 1723, son of James Rogers and Mary Harris; married 6 Oct., 1745, Love Richards, daughter of Captain George Richards. He died 9 Dec., 1754. She afterwards married Nathaniel Coit.

#### Children.

- 453. George, b. 11 Aug., 1746; m. Desire Springer, 7 Oct.,  
1770.
- 454. Theodore, b. 9 Dec., 1747.
- 455. David, b. 23 Feb., 1748.
- 456. Nathaniel, b. 6 April, 1750.

V. PETER (235), b. 3 Oct., 1725, son of James Rogers and Mary Harris; married 5 Nov., 1749, Grace, daughter of James Rogers and Grace Harris. He owned a fulling mill in Lyme, in 1764.

#### Children.

- 457. Peter, b. 23 June, 1754; m. ——— Green.
- 458. Deborah, b. ; m. ——— Sears.
- 459. Esther, b. ; m. George Atwell.
- 460. Grace, b. 31 March, 1761; m. Peter Strickland in  
1781, by whom she had four children, two of whom  
died young. Sarah, b. ; m. Asa Com-  
stock, and Peter R. married Laura White. Peter  
Strickland, Sr., died 16 April, 1825. She after-  
wards married Captain Guy Wheeler of Waterford,  
and died 21 Aug., 1844.

V. **URIAH** (239), b. about 1732, son of James Rogers and Mary Harris; married Mary Howell of South Hampton, Long Island.

Children.

- 461. Howell, b. ; m. He was a physician, and settled at Colchester.
- 462. Mary, b. about 1766; m. ——— Chapman.
- 463. Cynthia, b. about 1773; m. Jesso Breed.
- 464. John, b.
- 465. William, b. about 1781; m. Abby Byrnes.
- 466. Henry, b. ; died young.

V. **WILLIAM** (244), b. 3 Aug., 1747, son of Peter Rogers and Lucy (Tinker) Harris; married 1st, Grace Rogers, daughter of Samuel Rogers; 2d, Elizabeth Tinker, 20 Nov., 1774. She survived her husband, and afterwards married John Owen. His children were all by his second wife.

Children.

- 467. Jordan, b. 2 July, 1775.
- 468. William, b. 11 April, 1778.
- 469. Lucretia, b. 5 April, 1782.
- 470. Elizabeth, b. 27 March, 1784.
- 471. Henry, b. 6 Aug., 1786; m. He was a printer in Boston.

V. **PETER** (248), b. 15 May, 1759, son of Peter Rogers and Lucy (Tinker) Harris; m. Sept., 1773, Hannah Rogers, daughter of John Rogers and Ann Tinker.

Children.

- 472. Daniel, b. 24 May, 1774; m. Elizabeth Rogers.
- 473. Lucy, b. 1 Aug., 1776; m. John Avery.
- 474. Anna, b. 23 April, 1779.
- 475. Peter, b. 15 Dec., 1784; m. Charlotte Owen.
- 476. Hannah, b. 18 June, 1786; died young.
- 477. Nancy, b. ; m. David Johnson.

V. AMOS (257), b. 22 Nov., 1755, son of Ebenezer Rogers and Naomi (Fox) Beebe; m. Sarah Phillips. She died 10 June, 1802. He afterwards married a second wife, but her name is not found on record. He was drowned 21 Sept., 1820.

Children.

- 478. Moses, b. 1780; m. Adelia Smith.
- 479. Amos, b. 3 March, 1783; m. Sally Rogers (378).
- 480. Sally, b. 1785; m. Thomas Avery.
- 481. Gilbert, b. 30 March, 1787; m. Abigail Rogers (381).
- 482. Daniel, b. 1789; m. Widow Mathews.
- 483. Mary, b. 3 Feb., 1795; m. Stevens Rogers (379).
- 484. Ebenezer, b. 1 Sept., 1800; m. ——— Gallup.

V. DANIEL (260), b. 22 July, 1768, son of Ebenezer Rogers and Naomi (Fox) Beebe; married 28 Jan., 1790, Rebecca Crocker, b. 7 Nov., 1769, daughter of Jonathan Crocker. He died 6 April, 1834. She died 11 Oct., 1734.

Children.

- 485. Rebecca, b. 4 Nov., 1790; m. Giles Harris.
- 486. Daniel, b. 5 Sept., 1795; m. Sally Harris.
- 487. Lyman, b. 11 March, 1798; m. Mary Pember.

V. PHINEAS (283), b. 5 March, 1764, son of Nathan Rogers and Hannah Crandall; m. Rebecca Beebe. The birth of his children are all recorded in Montville, where he resided.

Children.

- 488. Rebecca, b. 4 Dec., 1784.
- 489. Naomi, b. 28 April, 1786.
- 490. Ruth, b. twin to Naomi.
- 491. Crandall, b. 17 Feb., 1789.
- 492. Henry, b. 19 Sept., 1792.
- 493. Lemuel D., b. 16 Oct., 1794.
- 494. Phineas, b. 2 Nov., 1796.
- 495. Mercy, b. 30 Sept., 1798.

- 496. Hannah, b. 20 May, 1801.
- 497. Lucy, b. 24 Dec., 1804.
- 498. Elias, b. 2 Oct., 1806.

V. ETHAN (285), b. 5 Dec., 1768, son of Nathan Rogers and Hannah Crandall; m. 25 Dec., 1794, Sally Truman of Southold, Long Island. They afterwards settled in Montville.

Children.

- 499. Ethan, b. in Southold, L. I., 11 April, 1796.
- 500. Clark Truman, b. in New London 23 Jan., 1798.
- 501. Susanna, b. in Montville 3 Sept., 1801.
- 502. Jesse, b. in Montville 23 June, 1803.

V. ZEBULON (292), b. 3 July, 1757, son of David Rogers and Grace Lester; m. 9 Jan., 1783, Sally Green, daughter of Judith Green, his father's second wife. He settled in Waterford, where he died 19 March, 1829.

Children.

- 503. Esther, b. 12 April, 1784; m. Oliver Maxson.
- 504. David, b. 27 Jan., 1786; m. Mary Potter.
- 505. Betsey, b. 24 July, 1788; m. George Potter.
- 506. Zebulon, b. 25 Aug., ———; m. Lydia Brooks.

V. LESTER (294), b. 11 Dec., 1762, son of David Rogers and Grace Lester; m. 22 Jan., 1795, Polly Tuthill of Long Island.

Children.

- 506a. Joseph, b. 25 Sept., 1796; died young.
- 506b. Benjamin, twin to Joseph; m. Susan Truman.
- 506c. Lester Tuthill, b. 24 Sept., 1797; m. Susan Crandall.
- 506d. Joseph Sanford, b. 17 Oct., 1799; m. Betsey Coon.
- 506e. Thomas, b. 8 April, 1802; m. Maria Coit.
- 506f. David, b. 11 July, 1804; m. Sally Maxson.
- 506g. Nathaniel, twin to David, died, aged 16 years.
- 506h. Henry H., b. 21 Jan., 1806; m. Nancy Peckham.
- 506i. Mary Ann, b. 23 Nov., 1808; m. David P. Rogers.

- 506j. Grace, b. 25 Dec., 1810; m. Edmond Darrow.  
506k. Susan, b. 25 Nov., 1812; died aged 32 years, unm.  
506l. Cynthia T., b. 25 Sept., 1815; m. Alexander Rogers.

V. PAUL (295), b. 27 Aug., 1766, son of David Rogers and Grace Lester; married Polly Barton.

Children.

- 506m. Paul, b. 1 May, 1790; m. Celinda Comstock.  
506n. Silas, b. 15 Sept., 1788; m. Nancy Stillman.

VI. ALPHIEUS (304), b. 10 July, 1784, son of Jehial Rogers and Amy Vibber; married Deborah Walker. He settled in Salem, Conn. He was a carpenter and farmer. He died ———. She afterwards removed to Montville, where she died, 8 March, 1862. They had but one child.

Child.

507. Sarah, b. at Salem; married James M. Stewart, a printer. They were living in Montville in 1856, but soon after removed West.

VI. JOHN B. (307), b. 27 March, 1793, son of Jehial Rogers and Amy Vibber; married 15 Jan., 1818, Nancy, daughter of Andrew Maples. He was a farmer, and settled at Montville on the old homestead, where he lived until about 1847, when he removed to his new farm, which was purchased of Daniel F. Raymond's heirs in 1837, located near Scholfield's factory. His wife died 8 Jan., 1849. He afterwards, 24 March, 1852, married Elizabeth J. Scholfield, daughter of James Scholfield and Anna Comstock. He held the office of town treasurer, and was a selectman of the town for several years. He was elected representative to the General Assembly of this State for one year. He died 9 Oct., 1870.

Children.

508. William James, b. 31 Dec., 1818; died in 1877, unm.  
509. Elisha Maples, b. 13 May, 1824; m. Amy Gardner.

## Child by Second Wife.

510. Anne E., b. 26 Jan., 1865.

VI. WILLIAM (308c), b. 13 May, 1801, son of Asa Rogers and Hannah Harris; married Parthenia Tyler, who died 3 Jan., 1831; then married 7 Dec., 1831, Nancy Wilson. He resided in Hartford during his whole life. He was engaged in the jewelry business from 1825 until 1847, at which date he, with his brothers, Simeon and Asa, entered into the manufacture of silver-plated ware. He was business manager. The high standard, fine workmanship, and sterling honesty of their goods established for them a reputation which has become world-wide, and will probably outlive any of the descendants now living. He died at Hartford, 17 Feb., 1873.

## Children.

511. Frances E., b. 20 Nov., 1827; died 28 Nov., 1830.

## By Second Wife.

- 512. Ellen Frances, b. 9 Jan., 1837.
- 513. William Henry, b. 15 Nov., 1832.
- 514. Lucy Welden, b. 17 March, 1839.
- 515. Mary Elizabeth, b. 20 Feb., 1841.
- 516. Sarah Agnes, b. 2 March, 1844.
- 517. Georgianna Colcs, b. 11 May, 1847.
- 518. Jane Isabelle, b. 10 April, 1849.
- 519. Frank Willsen, b. 11 Dec., 1851.

VI. HENRY TRUMAN (319), b. 24 April, 1789, son of Thomas Rogers and Mary Baker; m. 24 March, 1816, Clarissa, daughter of Rev. Rozel Cook. He was a carpenter and farmer. In early life he learned the clock-making business. He lived the last half of his life on the farm formerly owned by his wife's father, where he died 30 March, 1871. She died 30 Aug., 1875, aged 80 years.

## Children.

- 520. Harriet Maria, b. 17 June, 1818; died 12 May, 1825.
- 521. Sarah Ann, b. 28 Feb., 1820; m. Egbert Morgan.
- 522. Edward Truman, b. 5 June, 1824; died 1 Sept., 1839.
- 523. Jared Starr, b. 6 May, 1826; m. Charlotte F. Allen.
- 524. Albert Augustus, b. 30 Aug., 1830; m. Francis A. McNiel.

VI. THOMAS PERKINS (321), b. 15 Jan., 1797, son of Thomas Rogers and Mary Baker; married Mary Fish. He was a farmer, but in his early years followed the sea. He was chosen deacon of the Congregational church in Montville in 1838, and held the office with much honor and faithfulness until his death, 12 Aug., 1873. She died 9 Nov., 1863.

## Children.

- 525. Chester, b. ; died young.
- 526. Phebe D., b. 10 March, 1826; m. Ebenezer Tracy.
- 527. Elisha, b. 20 Sept., 1828; m. 1st, Mary J. Scholfield; 2d, Martha Perry.
- 528. Samuel, b. ; died young.
- 529. Colton, b. 5 Sept., 1832; died about 1850 in California.
- 530. Mary E., b. ; m. George W. Rogers.

VI. JOSHUA (327), b. 26 July, 1790, son of Azel Rogers and Sarah Baker; married 22 Jan., 1821, Maria Church, born 1798, daughter of Peleg Church and Mary Leach. He was a carpenter and farmer. He died at Montville, 22 Dec., 1867. She died 30 Nov., 1871.

## Children.

- 531. Abby Ann, b. about 1822; m. Lyman Baker.
- 532. Sarah Baker, b. 9 March, 1824, now living; 1896, unm.
- 533. Eliza Jane, b. about 1825; died young.
- 534. Mary Jane, b. ; m. Harrison B. Aldrich, who was drowned from the steamer City of New London, which took fire on the Thames River, and was burned to the water's edge on the morning of the 22d of November, 1871.

VI. AZEL FITCH (328), b. 18 Dec., 1791, son of Azel Rogers and Sarah Baker; m. 18 Oct., 1821, Eleanor, daughter of Daniel Fox and Lucy Angel. He was a farmer and blacksmith. He lived on the farm formerly owned by Joseph Bradford and afterwards by Perez Bradford. He was a prominent man in the town, and held many town offices. He died 24 Jan., 1869.

Children.

- 535. Caroline Worthington, b. 4 May, 1823; died young.
- 536. Azel Fitch, b. 25 July, 1826; died young.
- 537. Emma Louisa, b. 24 July, 1829; m. Captain Christopher Pendleton.
- 538. John Randolph, b. 15 Sept., 1832; m. Kate Moore.
- 539. Sophia Jane, b. 4 Sept., 1834; m. Aaron H. Niles.
- 540. Lucy Fox, b. 6 June, 1837; m. Benjamin F. Tracy.
- 541. Harriet M., b. 13 June, 1839; m. 1st, Richard J. Rogers; 2d, Andrew J. Gardner.
- 542. Ellen Fitch, b. 22 March, 1845; m. Smith Browning.

VI. CALEB BAKER (331), b. 25 June, 1806, son of Azel Rogers and Sarah Baker; married 1st, 10 May, 1830, Harriet S. Wobb, b. 5 Aug., 1813, at Brooklyn, Conn., daughter of George Webb and Sarah Brewster, a lineal descendant of William Brewster, who came over in the Mayflower. He settled at Norwich in 1820. He was a carpenter and house-builder, at which business he continued until 1848, when he began the manufacture of wood-working machinery, and continued in the same until his death. She died 20 June, 1847. He afterwards married, 2 May, 1848, Iduella T. R. Gardner. She died 2 April, 1849, without issue. He again married, 8 Jan., 1851, Eleanor H. Krebs, who survived him, and died in 1876. He lost his life by the burning of the steamer City of New London in the Thames River, on which he was returning home from New York, on the morning of November 22, 1871. The flames of the burning vessel drove the passengers into the water, and he, with sixteen others, was drowned. His body was recovered by his youngest son after



a search of three days. His remains were interred in his family lot in Yantic Cemetery at Norwich. He was a member of the Congregational church in Norwich, and was a man of great benevolence, and sustained a bright Christian character.

Children.

- 543. Harriet Maria, b. 2 March, 1833; died young.
  - 544. George Webb, b. 10 June, 1837; m. Mary E. Rogers.
  - 545. Harriet E., b. 30 Aug., 1839; died young.
  - 546. Edward Payson, b. 2 Jan., 1842; m. Caroline Berry.
  - 547. Bradford Haile, b. 20 June, 1847; m. Josephine Tyler.
- He died by his own hand at Chicago in Oct., 1895.

VI. FREDERICK WILLIAM HAUGHTON (332), b. 13 June, 1813, son of Azel Rogers and Sarah Baker; married 11 May, 1835, Abby Ann Gardner, b. 7 March, 1815, daughter of John Gardner of Bozrah. He first settled at Norwich, and was a carpenter and house-builder. About the year 1857, he, with his family, removed to Winona, Minn. He afterwards went to Chicago, where he was for several years engaged in mercantile business, and where she died in ———. He was living at Chicago in 1896.

Children.

- 548. Jane Haughton, b. Oct., 1837; died 21 June, 1841.
- 549. Abby Jane, b. 18 June, 1841; m. James Zeary Werrt.
- 550. Mary Haughton, b. 15 Sept., 1848; m. William S. Crosby.

VI. BENJAMIN (333), b. 1 Feb., 1791, son of Frederick Rogers and Parthenia Baker; married 16 Feb., 1815, Phebe Champlin, born 21 Nov., 1795, daughter of Samuel Champlin of Rhode Island. He was a seaman, and resided at Massapeag. She died 6 May, 1839. He died 31 Oct., 1842.

Children.

- 551. Darwin Erasmus, b. 16 Nov., 1817; m. Emeline Bolles.

- 552. Mary Ellen, b. 10 March, 1821; m. Elisha P. Church.
- 553. Susan Decatur, b. 2 Oct., 1823; m. Charles Waterman.
- 554. Benjamin Nelson, b. 8 Feb., 1826; m. 1st, Sarah Hartshorn; 2d, Alvina Carna; 3d, Widow Mary Church.
- 555. Frederick, b. 24 Feb., 1820; died 17 Nov., 1830.
- 556. Harriot, b. 1 June, 1831; m. Robert Larkin.
- 557. Frances Jane, b. 28 April, 1835; m. Emery Dunbar.

VI. THOMAS (334), b. 2 June, 1793, son of Frederick Rogers and Parthenia Baker; married 27 Sept., 1818, Elizabeth Tuttle, b. 26 May, 1794, at Montville, daughter of Peletiah Tuttle and Betsey Swaddle. He lived at Massapeag, and was a seaman and farmer. She died 13 Jan., 1864. He died 2 April, 1876.

#### Children.

- 558. Eliza, b. 12 July, 1819; m. Sherwood Fitch.
- 559. George A., b. 13 June, 1821; m. Susan M. Maples.
- 560. James H., b. 14 Aug., 1823; m. Harriet M. Smith.
- 561. Jared S., b. 26 March, 1826; m. Jane M. Beckwith.
- 562. Sarah F., b. 13 June, 1828; m. 1st, Edwin Church; 2d, French.
- 563. Mary Ann, b. 23 Dec., 1830; unm.; living in 1884.
- 564. John Wesley, b. 2 March, 1832; died young.
- 565. Charles E., b. 30 July, 1834; m. Huldah Church.
- 566. Caroline M., b. 23 May, 1836; m. William B. Walden.
- 567. William Henry, b. 12 April, 1840; m. Adelaide Raymond.

VI. NATHAN (350), b. 5 July, 1786, son of James Rogers and Elizabeth Howard; married Elizabeth, daughter of Christopher Brown. The dates of birth of his children are not found anywhere recorded.

#### Children.

- 568. Nathan, b. . . . . Lost overboard at sea and drowned.
- 569. Orlando, b.

- 570. James, b.
- 571. John, b.
- 572. Christopher, b.
- 573. Peter, b.
- 574. Andrew, b.
- 575. Elizabeth, b.
- 576. Grace, b.
- 577. Charlotte, b.
- 578. Martha, b. ; m. Henry R. Strickland.
- 579. Mary, b. ; m. Peter Strickland.

VI. LYMAN (362), b. 14 Oct., 1799, son of Jonathan Rogers and Huldah Church; married 1st, about 1823, Almira Turner, daughter of David Turner, by whom he had seven children; 2d, the widow of David Turner, Jr., by whom he had one daughter; 3d, Nancy C. Perkins, widow of Charles L. Perkins of Groton, 22 Feb., 1846, by whom he had five children. He settled in Montville and was a farmer, and died in 1893.

#### Children by First Wife.

- 580. Frances Huldah, b. ; m. John Perkins.
- 581. Elisha L., b. ; m. Martha ———.
- 582. George L., b. ; m. Mary Walden.
- 583. Eliza Ann, b. ; died unm.
- 584. Emily, b. 29 Aug., 1830; m. Aaron F. Rogers.
- 585. Hiram, b. 11 Dec., 1832; m. Salome Hurlburt.
- 586. Amos, b. 19 Nov., 1833; m. Catherine Higgins.

#### Child by Second Wife.

- 587. Almira, b. 15 Jan., 1841; m.

#### Children by Third Wife.

- 588. Charles Perkins, b. 16 Jan., 1847; died young.
- 589. Oliver Edmund, b. 21 April, 1848; m. Frances Ann Potter.
- 590. Addison L., b. 2 Jan., 1850.
- 591. Alice A., b. 22 Oct., 1851; m. John W. Potter.
- 592. Francis R., b. 14 Oct., 1854; m. Mary McFarland.

VI. MATTHEW (388), b. 14 Sept., 1771, son of Isaiah Rogers and Betsey Sill; married Sarah Weeks.

Children.

- 593. Polly, b. 24 Oct., 1800; m. Mathew Gee of Lyme.
- 594. Esther, b. 2 Oct., 1804; m. Lyman Steward.
- 595. Sally, b. 9 March, 1807; m. Davis Horden.
- 596. Caroline, b. 18 July, 1809; m. Charles Brockway.
- 597. Isaiah, b. 4 Oct., 1811.
- 598. Betsey, b. 3 Jan., 1814; m. Daniel A. Baldwin.
- 599. Hannah, b. 3 May, 1816; m. William Crocker.
- 600. Harriet, b. 27 Sept., 1818; m. William Morgan.

VI. JEREMIAH (428), b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of John Rogers and Elizabeth Bolles; married 11 Dec., 1791, Hannah Bolles, daughter of Enoch Bolles.

Children.

- 601. Mary, b. 3 Aug., 1792; died unm.
- 602. Rebecca, b. 19 Dec., 1793; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Andrews.
- 602a. Gurdon, b. 16 May, 1795; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Miner.
- 603. Russel, b. 7 May, 1797; m. Hannah Wilcox.
- 604. Aaron, b. 27 Feb., 1799; m. Betsey Edwards.
- 605. Enoch, b. about 1800; m.
- 606. Hannah, b. 9 Nov., 1802; m. James Miner.
- 607. Jeremiah, b. about 1804.
- 608. Charles, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. 1st, Hannah Hamilton;  
2d, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 609. Albert, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Settled at Nat-  
chez, Miss.
- 610. Sarah, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Joseph Dickson.

VI. DANIEL (486), b. 5 Sept., 1795, son of Daniel Rogers and Rebecca Crocker; married 26 Dec., 1819, Sarah, b. 3 April, 1806, daughter of Deacon Henry Harris. He died at New London, 6 Feb., 1862, in the 67 year of his age. He had collected together, and noted in a book kept by him for the purpose, the names of many of the Rogers families,

from which the writer obtained many of the families contained in this record of the Rogers genealogy.

#### Children.

- 611. Betsey, b. 29 Sept., 1821; died 17 Oct., 1831.
- 612. Marvin H., b. 4 Oct., 1825; died 30 July, 1856, unm.
- 613. Uriah F., b. 14 July, 1828; m. M. W. Millbank.
- 614. Ellen P., b. 14 Nov., 1830; m. Elias Peck.
- 615. Martin Cooley, b. 17 March, 1833; m. ———. Died 31 Oct., 1881.
- 616. Sarah E., b. 28 May, 1836; m. W. T. Strickland.

VI. LYMAN (487), b. 11 March, 1798, son of Daniel Rogers and Rebecca Crocker; married 20 Dec., 1820, Mary S. Pember, b. 18 March, 1804. She died 31 Oct., 1855. He afterwards married, 24 Nov., 1856, Maria Havens.

#### Children.

- 617. Anson S., b. 21 Nov., 1822; m. Lucretia Beebe.
- 618. Marcy Ann, b. 31 Oct., 1824; died young.
- 619. Hamilton, b. Feb., 1827; died young.
- 620. Abby Ann, b. 26 Dec., 1830; m. Frank Baker.
- 621. Maro, b. 26 April, 1833; died young.

VI. DAVID (504), b. 27 Jan., 1786, son of Zebulon Rogers and Sally Green; married 7 Jan., 1808, Mary Potter, daughter of George Potter of Rhode Island. He settled in Waterford, was a practical farmer, and lived upon the old Rogers farm, which had been in the family for several generations. He held several important town offices. He and his wife were members of the Seventh-day Baptist church, and were among its strongest supporters, giving the ground where the building occupied by that society now stands, and he serving as one of its deacons for many years. He was a man possessed of many excellent qualities of head and heart, of the strictest integrity. He lived respected and died regretted.

## Children.

- 622. David Potter, b. 21 Oct., 1808; m. Mary Ann Rogers.
- 623. Charles, b. 22 Jan., 1811; died young.
- 624. Sally, b. 12 Aug., 1813; m. William Maxson.
- 625. Daniel, b. 25 May, 1815; m. Mary Ann Titsworth.
- 626. Mary, b. 28 March, 1818; m. Peleg Berry.
- 627. Charlotte, b. 20 Jan., 1820; m. Thomas S. Greenman.
- 628. George, b. 14 Aug., 1821; died young.
- 629. Ann Maria, b. 21 July, 1823, m. Benedict Rogers.
- 630. Lydia, b. 7 April, 1823; m. 1st, Paul Stillman; 2d, Enoch Davis; 3d, Eliphalet Lyon.

VII. ALBERT AUGUSTUS (524), b. 30 Aug., 1830, son of Henry Truman Rogers and Clarrissa Cook; married 19 June, 1853, Frances A. McNiel, b. 25 March, 1828, daughter of Henry McNiel and Clarrissa Corning. He was a carpenter and farmer, and was living on the old Cook homestead in Montville in 1884.

## Children.

- 631. Wallace E., b. 16 Nov., 1853.
- 632. Harriet, b. ; died in infancy.
- 633. Emeline, b. 29 April, 1859; died in 1862.
- 634. Edmund H., b. 5 April, 1862; m. Minnie Comstock.
- 635. Arthur, b. 24 Sept., 1864; m. Jane Avery.
- 636. Emma, b. 2 March, 1870; m. Isaac Lamb of Groton.

VII. ELISHA (527), b. 20 Sept., 1828, son of Thomas Perkins Rogers and Mary Fish; married 1st, Mary J. Scholfield, 19 March, 1854, daughter of Joseph Scholfield and Mercy Newberry. He was a carpenter and farmer, and living on the old homestead in 1884. She died 21 May, 1869. He afterwards married Martha Perry, 5 Nov., 1870, daughter of George Perry of Putnam, Conn.

## Children.

- 637. Edwin, b. 27 July, 1855; died 4 May, 1860.
- 638. Alice E., b. 26 Dec., 1857.

639. Horace, b. 3 Feb., 1863.

640. Stella, b. 20 March, 1866; died 5 May, 1876.

VII. JOHN RANDOLPH (538), b. 15 Sept., 1832, son of Azel Fitch Rogers and Eleanor Fox; married 3 March, 1862, Kate Moore, b. 16 Sept., 1839, daughter of James Moore and Eliza J. Worthy of Waterford. He was a farmer and seaman. He has made several voyages in a whaling vessel, was elected representative to the General Assembly in 1883, and has served as first selectman in his native town. He died at Montville 24 Aug., 1887. She died 26 Nov., 1894.

#### Children.

641. Azel Fitch, b. 17 Dec., 1865; m. Jerome.

642. John Randolph, b. 11 April, 1870.

VII. DARWIN ERASMUS (551), b. 16 Nov., 1817, son of Benjamin Rogers and Phebe Champlin; married, 1847, Emeline, daughter of Alfred Bolles and Julia Stoddard. He was a seaman, and made several voyages in the whaling business as captain. He was living at Gales Ferry in Ledyard in 1884.

#### Children.

643. Delphine, b. June, 1854.

644. Frank Bolles, b. ; died young.

645. Alfred, b. March, 1866.

VII. BENJAMIN NELSON (554), b. 8 Feb., 1826, son of Benjamin Rogers and Phebe Champlin; married 1st, Sarah Hartshorn. She died 20 Sept., 1868. He afterwards married his second wife, Alvira Carna. She died at sea while on a voyage with her husband to China. He then married third wife, Mary (Ames) Church, the widow of Norman B. Church. He was living at Uncasville in 1884.

#### Children.

646. Charles Nelson, b. 8 Feb., 1852; m. Eva Champlin, daughter of Captain Frederick W. Champlin.

647. William, b. 20 Sept., 1864; died at sea while on a voyage with his father to China.

VII. GEORGE A. (559), b. 13 June, 1821, son of Thomas Rogers and Elizabeth Tuttle; married 19 Nov., 1846, Susan Malissa, daughter of John C. Maples and Susan Smith. He was a seaman, and died at Massapeag, in Montville.

Children.

648. Georgianna Frances, b. 8 Nov., 1847; m. Peter Jeffroy.  
649. Frank Alton, b. 14 April, 1854; m.

VII. JAMES HENRY (560), b. 14 Aug., 1823, son of Thomas Rogers and Elizabeth Tuttle; married Harriet Matilda Smith of New London. He resided at Massapeag, was a sea captain, acting master and executive officer on seven United States vessels of war, and while in the service he contracted a disease of which he died 16 March, 1865.

Children.

650. Mattie Elizabeth, b. 13 March, 1850; m. Fitch B. Collins.  
651. William Edwin, b. 18 April, 1852; died 1 Dec., 1864.

VII. CHARLES E. (565), b. 30 July, 1834, son of Thomas Rogers and Elizabeth Tuttle; married 17 May, 1855, Huldah M. Church, b. 16 Sept., 1836, daughter of Seth Church and Lucy A. Lester. He settled at Montville, and was engaged in the mercantile business. She died ———.

Children.

652. Minnie Mabel, b. 25 May, 1860.  
653. Elsie Ellsworth, b. 12 Aug., 1862.  
654. Norman Lester, b. 20 May, 1867.  
655. Charles Edwin, b. 14 Nov., 1868.  
656. Frederick Hosmer, b. 2 July, 1871.



lbs. 8s. Wearing apparel, cane, gloves, and belt, 19 lbs. 2s. Bond, 61 lbs. 17s. 5d. Riding horse, negro woman, 80 lbs. Pair of oxen, 57 sheep, 9 cows, 5 horse kind, 7 swine.

#### Children.

4. Samuel, b. 9 Feb., 1688; m. Mercy ———.
5. Hannah, b. 16 July, 1691; m. William Knowles, and had two children, Rebecca and Hannah.
6. William, b. 29 Sept., 1693; m. 1st, Mary Freelove; 2d, Mary Wilkinson.
7. Sarah, b. April, 1694; m. Eleazer Kelly, 6 Oct., 1721.
8. John, b. 4 March, 1696; m. Ann Hazzard, 21 April, 1721.

III. SAMUEL (4), b. 9 Feb., 1688, son of William Browning and Rebecca Wilber; married Mercy ———.

In September, 1718, he and his wife Mercy, for 1,600 lbs. sold to his father three tracts of land, measuring 100, 250, and 500 acres, respectively. April 19, 1751, Samuel Browning, Jr., for 150 lbs. mortgaged to the Colony ten acres of land. The date of his death is not ascertained, and only one child is named on record. He probably had others.

#### Children.

9. Samuel, b. ———; m. Phebe Gardner, Oct. 26, 1722.

III. WILLIAM (6), b. 29 Sept., 1693, son of William Browning and Rebecca Wilber or Sarah ———. Probably the latter; married 1st, Mary Freelove, born in 1700, daughter of Morris and Elizabeth (Wilber) Freelove, Dec. 7, 1721; married 2d, Mary Wilkinson, daughter of William and Dinah ( ) Wilkinson, Aug. 5, 1728. He died Feb. 11, 1773. Will proved March 8, 1773. Inventory, 1,279 lbs. 15s. 2 3-4d., viz.: Wearing apparel, 15 lbs. 12s. 9d. Old gun, keg of wine, cash, 598 lbs. 4s. 4 3-4d. 89 sheep, swine, sorrel horse, 14 cows, 2 pair oxen, 2 pair steers, heifer, 8 young cat-

tle, old mare, colt, negro, Bristol, £30, Abram, £30, boy Caesar, £37, farming and carpentering tools, etc.

Child by First Wife.

10. William, b. Nov. 28, 1724; m. Elizabeth Trip.

Children by Second Wife.

11. Wilkinson, b. 14 July, 1731; m. Susanna Hazzard.  
 12. John, b. 26 July, 1733; m. Ann Browning.  
 13. Mary, b. 10 June, 1735; m. Thomas Browning.  
 14. Dinah, b. 10 Sept., 1736; m. Champlin.  
 15. Joseph, b. ; m. Mary Champlin in 1761.  
 16. Ruth, b. ; m.  
 17. Tabitha, b. ; m. Gardiner.  
 18. Anne, b. ; m. Henry Knowles April 28, 1791.

III. JOHN (8), b. 4 March, 1696, son of William Browning and Sarah ———; married Ann Hazzard, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Smith) Hazzard, April 21, 1721. He died 1777. She died 1770. His will proved April 14, 1777. Inventory, £106, 6s. 4d., viz.: Wearing apparel, £7, 10s. Loom, Bible, etc.

Children.

19. Thomas, b. ; m. Mary Browning.  
 20. Jeremiah, b. ; m.  
 21. Hannah, b. ; m. Jedediah Frink, Sept. 7, 1748.  
 22. Sarah, b. ; m. ——— Stanton.  
 23. John, b. 15 Nov., 1742; m. 1st, Sarah Davis; 2d, Eunice Williams; 3d, Elizabeth Ross.  
 24. Ephraim, b. March, 1746; m. Susanna Davis.  
 25. Martha, b. ; m. Powers.  
 26. Ann, b. ; m. John Browning.  
 27. Mary, b. ; m. Champlin.  
 28. Eunice, b. ; m. Clark.

IV. WILLIAM (10), b. 28 Nov., 1724, son of William Browning and Mary Freelove; married Elizabeth Trip.

Children.

- 29. William, b. ; m. Sally Stanton.
- 30. Christopher, b. ; m.
- 31. Stephen, b. ; m. Bridget Babcock, March 16,  
1786.
- 32. Rebecca, b. ; m. Thomas Segar, Feb. 17, 1785.
- 33. Amy, b. ; m. Gideon Hoxie, Jr., Oct. 20,  
1774.

IV. JOHN (12), b. 26 July, son of William Browning and Mary Wilkinson; married Ann Browning, daughter of John Browning and Ann Hazzard, 31 Jan., 1754.

Children.

- 34. William, b. 1 Dec., 1755; m. Sarah Cole, 13 Dec.,  
1787.
- 35. Anna, b. 6 May, 1757; m. Samuel Sheffield, 3 Dec.,  
1778.
- 36. Ruth, b. 9 Feb., 1759.
- 37. John, b. 1 Jan., 1761.
- 38. Ephraim, b. 16 Jan., 1763.

IV. JOHN (23), b. 15 Nov., 1742, son of John Browning and Ann Hazzard; married 1st, Mary Davis; 2d, Eunice Williams; and 3d, Elizabeth Ross. By the last wife there was no issue. He died 24 Feb., 1832.

Children by Mary.

- 39. Jedediah, b.
- 40. John, b.

Children by Eunice.

- 41. George, b. ; died young.
- 42. Mary, b.
- 43. Eunice, b.
- 44. Avery, b. 8 Feb., 1786; m. Mary Arnold, 17 July,  
1808.

- 45. Anna, b.
- 46. Jesse, b.
- 47. George W., b.

IV. EPHRAIM (24), b. March, 1746, son of John Browning and Ann Hazard; married Susanna Davis, born about 1750. He was born in South Kingston, R. I. He settled at Waterford, Conn., where his children were born, and where he died March 4, 1826, aged 80 years. She died at Waterford, Aug. 14, 1832, aged 82 years.

#### Children.

- 48. Nancy, b. 1780; m. Isaac Williams.
- 49. Rouse B., b. 25 Aug., 1787; m. Ruth Morey.
- 50. Welcome, b. ; m. Nancy Hull.
- 51. Hazzard, b. 25 Nov., 1769; m. 1st, Hannah Lewis; 2d, Edna Thompson.
- 52. Mary, b. about 1773; died unm. 4 July, 1851.
- 53. Amy, b. ; m. Guy Wheeler.
- 54. Wealthea, b. ; died unm.

V. WILLIAM (29), b. , son of William Browning and Elizaboth Trip; married Sally Stanton and had nine children.

#### Children.

- 55. William Trip, b. ; m. Martha Card.
- 56. Sally, b. ; died young.
- 57. Elizabeth, b. ; died young.
- 58. Amy, b.
- 59. Samuel S., b. ; m. Catherine Mowry.
- 60. Abril, b.
- 61. Hazzard, b.
- 62. Sally, b.
- 63. Elizaboth, b.

V. AVERY (44), b. 8 Feb., 1786, son of John Browning and Eunice Williams; married Mary Arnold, b. 8 June, 1796. He was born in Exeter, R. I. He afterwards removed to Griswold, Conn., where he was a farmer and much in public

affairs. He died at Norwich, 9 May, 1865. She died 22 June, 1879.

Children.

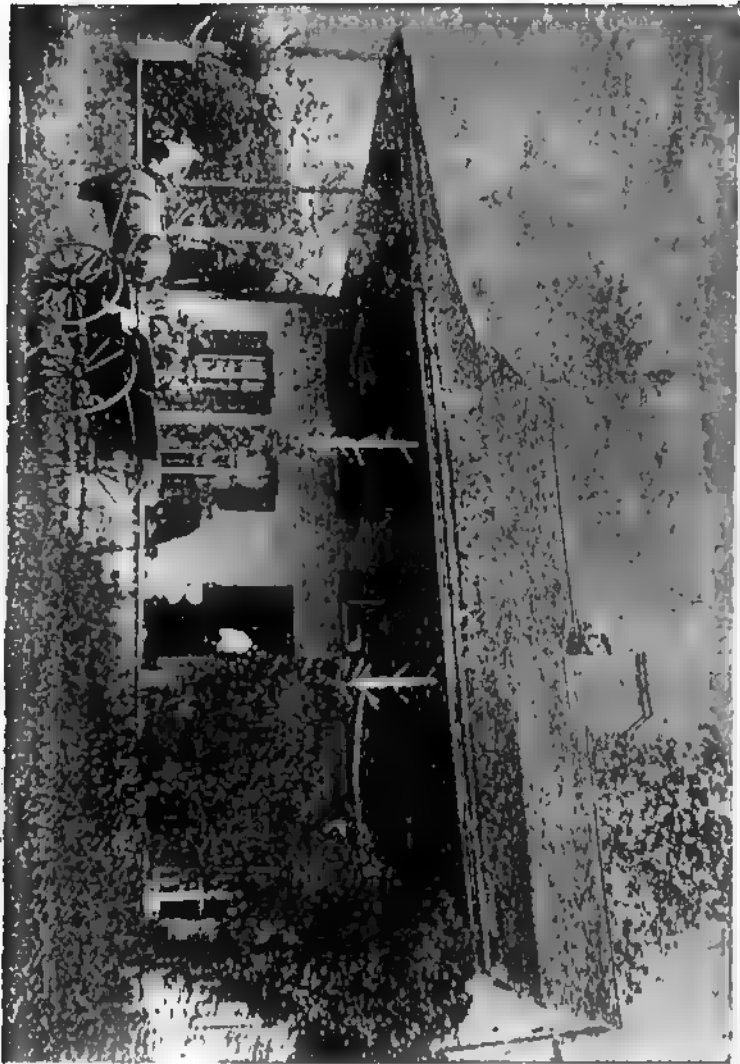
- 64. Arnold, b. ; died ———.
- 65. Hiram, b.
- 66. Beriah H., b. 13 Sept., 1819; m. Sarah E. Campbell 1842.
- 67. Eunice W., b.

V. ROUSE B. (49), b. 25 Aug., 1787, son of Ephraim Browning and Susanna Davis; married Ruth Morey, daughter of Robert Morey, b. 8 March, 1797. He was a farmer, and occupied the farm in Waterford, where his father lived. He died 4 March, 1852.

Children.

- 68. Sarah F., b. 27 April, 1817; m. Nathan S. Brown, 9 Sept., 1835.
- 69. Hannah, b. 26 Feb., 1819; m. Charles B. Ayer, 24 Oct., 1838.
- 70. Elizabeth L., b. 19 April, 1821; m. Stephen W. Cole.
- 71. Oliver D., b. 23 Feb., 1823; died 4 April, 1824.
- 72. Emeline, b. 3 March, 1825; m. Guy Douglass, 24 Dec., 1844.
- 73. Leonard, b. 25 March, 1827; died 25 July, 1827.
- 74. Lucy, b. 14 May, 1829; m. Orlando Brown.
- 75. Delia, b. 15 Sept., 1831; m. 1st, Nathaniel Dustin; 2d, Elias Browning.
- 76. William Henry, b. 19 Oct., 1836; m.

HAZZARD (51), b. 25 Nov., 1769, son of Ephraim Browning and Susanna Davis; married 1st, Hannah Lewis, b. 10 Feb., 1769, daughter of ———, 22 Nov., 1791; 2d, Edna Thompson, b. 25 Aug., 1779, daughter of Nathaniel and Delight Fox; m. 10 May, 1812. He was a farmer, and resided at Montville. He was a justice of the peace, and held other town offices. He died at Montville 6 Aug., 1842. His first wife died 22 Nov., 1810. His last wife died 29 Jan., 1871.



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## Children by Hannah.

- 77. Lucretia, b. 25 Aug., 1792; died 23 Dec., 1868, unm.
- 78. Amy, b. 15 April, 1794; m. Jacob Loomis, 19 Nov., 1817.
- 79. Esther, b. 7 May, 1797; m. Thomas Forsyth, 2d wife, 30 March, 1828.
- 80. Elizabeth, b. 31 May, 1799; m. Thomas Forsyth, 1st wife, 6 Nov., 1824.
- 81. Jared B., b. 27 July, 1801; m. Amy Bishop, 2 Feb., 1826.
- 82. Davis, b. 31 March, 1803; m. Mary E. Balman, 28 Aug., 1828.
- 83. Ephraim, b. 19 May, 1805; m. Maria Brown, 21 Oct., 1831.
- 84. Daniel Lewis, b. 11 Sept., 1808; m. Fanny C. Lewis, 17 Jan., 1833.
- 85. Welcome H., b. 25 Aug., 1810; m. Betsey Moore, 3 Sept., 1837.

## Children by Edna.

- 86. Christopher, b. 5 Feb., 1813; m. Eliza Bromley, 17 March, 1836.
- 87. Dr. Isaac, b. 19 June, 1814; m. Martha B. Howe, 8 Jan., 1840.
- 88. Elias, b. 6 Sept., 1816; m. Amy P. Smith, March, 1840; 2d, Delia (Browning) Dustin.
- 89. John, b. 11 April, 1822; m. Jane E. Howe, 5 Oct., 1845.

DOCTOR ISAAC (87), b. 19 Jan., 1815, son of Hazzard Browning and Edna Thompson; married 8 Jan., 1840, Patty B. Howe, b. 18 Feb., 1813, daughter of Silas Howe and Zilpha Bruce. He settled at Montville, a farmer, blacksmith, and carriage-maker. He lived near the factory of Harry Vincent. He died 3 April, 1885. She died ———.

## Children.

- 90. Hazzard, b. 1 April, 1841; died 11 Sept., 1865.
- 91. Martha M., b. 9 Nov., 1842; m. Martin V. B. Brainard.



- 92. Silas Howe, b. 24 Jan., 1845; m. Anna Parks.
- 93. Washington Irving, b. 18 Dec., 1848; m. ———  
Douglass.
- 94. Fanny Lewis, b. 19 Aug., 1850; m. William J. Baldwin.
- 95. Willis I., b. 20 April, 1852; m. Emma Daniels.
- 96. Iantha, b. 8 May, 1856; m. Charles L. Turner.

ELIAS (88), b. 6 Sept., 1816, son of Hazzard Browning and Edna Thompson; married 25 March, 1840, Amy Smith, b. 10 May, 1820, daughter of Abel Smith and Lydia Palmer. He was a farmer in the early part of his life, and afterwards was employed in the Rockland Paper Mill. His wife died 22 April, 1864, leaving four children. He afterwards married Delia (Browning) Dustin, 11 July, 1866. He died suddenly of heart failure, while at work in the Rockland Mill, 18 Nov., 1871.

#### Children.

- 97. Ira, b. 30 Sept., 1843; m. Louisa Hewitt, 5 June, 1872.
- 98. Smith, b. 18 April, 1847; m. Ellen F. Rogers, 11 Aug., 1868.
- 99. Amy Ellis, b. 20 Dec., 1850; m. Lewis Browning, 2 April, 1874.
- 100. Olin F., b. 26 July, 1857; m.

## VIBBER FAMILIES.

John Vibber first appears as an inhabitant of New London North Parish in 1711. He, with his wife, were on the list of members who organized the first church in the parish in 1722. Previous to their settlement in the North Parish, they appear in Groton, where he was an inhabitant.

In Feb., 1741, John Vibber exchanged farms with George Hill. The farm then owned by Mr. Vibber was the same afterwards owned by George Hill, and which descended to his son Jonathan and grandson Charles, and on which the latter lived at his death.

The farm then owned by George Hill and which was exchanged with Mr. Vibber was the same afterwards owned by his grandson Nathaniel, lying on the Norwich road, and has since been called the "Vibber Place." John Vibber the first was born 25 Oct., 1689, and married 19 July, 1711, Jonathan Williams, born about 1685, daughter of . . . .

He was a farmer and a landholder of considerable note in his day. He was active in the affairs of the church, and held offices of honor and trust both in the church and town. His wife, Johanna, died 9 Jan., 1754. He then married, 8 May, 1754, Mariam Baker, widow of Joshua Baker,

### Children.

2. Johanna, b. 31 Oct., 1712; m. 1st, George Hill; 2d, Jason Allen.
3. John, b. 6 Jan., 1713; m. Amy Copp.
4. Marcy, b. 9 Jan., 1715; m. Abraham Harden.
5. William, b. 15 Nov., 1717; m. Ann Leffingwell.
6. Nathaniel, b. 6 Feb., 1720; m. Desire Brown.
7. Thomas, b. 9 Nov., 1722; died when 17 years old.
8. Sarah, b. 24 Dec., 1724; died at the age of 2 years.

9. Margaret, b. 20 Nov., 1726; m. John Comstock.
10. Anna, b. 6 Dec., 1729; m. John Champlin.

II. JOHN (3), b. 6 Jan., 1713, son of John Vibber and Johanna Williams; m. 28 April, 1737, Amy Copp, b. 24 Sept., 1707, daughter of Deacon Jonathan Copp and Catherine Lay. Both were members of the church. He was a farmer and lived on the farm afterwards occupied by William Bradford. He was also lieutenant of the training band in North Parish. He died in 1779.

#### Children.

11. Catherine, b. 11 Nov., 1738; m. Ransford Comstock.
12. John, b. 8 June, 1740.
13. Ann, b. 8 June, 1742.
14. Joanna, b. 28 May, 1744.
15. Obedience, b. May, 1748; died 28 Jan., 1752.

II. NATHANIEL (6), b. 6 Feb., 1720, son of John Vibber and Joanna Williams; m. Desire Brown. He was a member of the church and society in the North Parish, was active in the affairs of the church, captain of the training band, and was a farmer, living on the farm formerly occupied by his father. He died in 1781. Estate distributed 9 Oct., 1781.

#### Children.

16. Aliphal, b. about 1746; died unm.
17. Nathaniel, b. about 1748; m. Mehitabel Fox.
18. Amy, b. about 1750; m. Jehial Rogers.
19. Fanny, b. about 1751.
20. William, b. 10 Aug., 1753; m. 1st, Lois ———; 2d, Elizabeth Lyon.

III. NATHANIEL (17), b. about 1748, son of Nathaniel Vibber and Desire Brown; married Mehitabel Fox, daughter of Ezekiel Fox and Mehitabel Lamson. He was a farmer, and occupied the farm on which his father lived.

## Children.

21. Desire, b. 13 Sept., 1772; m. Frederick Rogers.
22. Betsey, b. 31 Aug., 1774; m. Samuel Atwell; died 8 April, 1859.
23. Louisa, b. 16 Sept., 1780; died 31 Sept., 1865, unnm.
24. Nathaniel, b. 13 Jan., 1783; died unnm.
25. Melitabel, b. 15 June, 1785; died unnm.
26. A son, b. 24 July, 1788; died in infancy.

III. WILLIAM (20), b. 10 Aug., 1753, son of Nathaniel Vibber and Desire Brown; m. 1st, Lois ———; 2d, Elizabeth Lyon, 29 July, 1812, daughter of John Lyon and Elizabeth Moore. He was a farmer, and lived on the west side of the Colchester road, half a mile distant. He died 17 June, 1831. She died 5 April, 1852.

## Children by Lois.

27. Lois, b. 2 July, 1779.
28. Fanny, b. 5 June, 1785.
29. Amos S., b. 5 Jan., 1787.
30. Russell, b. 26 Nov., 1788.

## Children by Elizabeth.

31. Salmon C., b. 28 March, 1815; m. 1st, Amy D. Wheeler; 2d, Abby Champlin.
32. Eunice C., b. 2 Sept., 1817.

SALMON C. (31), b. 28 March, 1815, son of William Vibber and Elizabeth Lyon; married 17 March, 1844, Amy D. Wheeler, b. ———, daughter of ———.

He then married, 11 Oct., 1856, Abby Champlin, daughter of John Champlin. He was a farmer and a large landholder, living on the farm lying on the old Colchester road, bought of Peter R. Strickland, and formerly the residence of Elisha Fox. His first wife died 6 Aug., 1855. He died 3 Dec., 1885. His second wife survived him, and died 14 March, 1892.

## Children.

- 33. Elisha W., b. 15 Jan., 1845; m. Mary E. Champlin.
- 34. Horace C., b. 8 March, 1846; m. Mary Ann Fitch.
- 35. William, b. 23 Sept., 1849; m. Julia M. Holt.
- 36. Emma E., b. 24 Feb., 1854; m. John Woodmansec.

## GREEN FAMILIES.

The Green families of Montville and Waterford were descendants from John Green of Warwick, Rhode Island. This John Green was born about 1597 at Bowridge Hall, Gillingham, Dorset County, England, son of Richard Green. He was a surgeon in Salisbury, where he made his first marriage. He had seven children baptized at St. Thomas Church in Salisbury. He married 1st, 4 Nov., 1619, Joan Tattersall, who was the mother of all his children. She died, and he then married widow Alice Daniels, and for a third wife he married Phillis ———, who died 10 March, 1688. He died in 1658.

John Green, with his wife, Joan, sailed from Southampton, England, 6 April, 1635, in ship "James," and arrived at Boston 3 June, 1635, and was afterwards of Salem for a short period. In August, 1637, he appears at Providence. He was one of the twelve persons to whom Roger Williams on the 8th day of October, 1638, deeded land, which was purchased of Canonicus and Miantonomi, chiefs of the Narragansett Indians, and was one of the twelve original members of the first Baptist Church in Rhode Island.

### Children.

2. John, b. 1620; m. Ann Almy.
3. Peter, b. 1622; m. Mary Gorton.
4. Richard, b. 1623; died young.
5. James, b. 1626; m. 1st, Deliverance Potter; 2d, Elizabeth Anthony.
6. Thomas, b. 1628; m. Elizabeth Barton.
7. Joan, b. 1630; m.                      Hade.
8. Mary, b. 1633; m. James Sweet.

JOHN (2), b. about 1620, son of John Green and Joan Tattersall; married Ann Almy, born 1627, daughter of Wil-

liam Almy. He held various offices in the town of Warwick, R. I. He was commissioner from 1652 to 1663, recorder three years, general solicitor in 1655, attorney-general from 1657 to 1660, assistant and deputy of the colony, and also deputy governor from 1690 to 1700. In 1690, Jan. 30, he, with others, sent a letter of congratulation to William and Mary on their accession to the crown of England. December 22, 1686, he was notified by Governor Andros of his appointment as a member of his council. On June 27, 1691, he was voted 10s. by the assembly for his encouragement, for drawing up an address to their Majesties. He died 27 Nov., 1708. She died 17 May, 1709.

#### Children.

9. Deborah, b. 10 Aug., 1649.
10. John, b. 6 Nov., 1651.
11. William, b. 1 March, 1653.
12. Peter, b. 7 Feb., 1655.
13. Job, b. 24 Aug., 1656.
14. Philip, b. 7 Oct., 1658.
15. Richard, b. 8 Feb., 1660.
16. Anne, b. 19 March, 1663.
17. Catherine, b. 15 Aug., 1665.
18. Audrey, b. 27 Dec., 1667.
19. Samuel, b. 30 Jan., 1671.

SAMUEL (19), b. 30 Jan., 1671, son of John Green and Ann Almy; married ——— and had a son

20. Benjamin, b. ———, and m. about 1730, Almy Angel, b. ———, daughter of James Angel and ———. She died about 1740, and he married for his second wife Margaret Strickland, daughter of Peter Strickland.

#### Children by Almy.

21. Mary, b. 28 Jan., 1732; m. Nathan Comstock.
22. Christopher, b. 7 Sept., 1733; m. Mercy Stoddard.

- 23. Delight, b. 30 July, 1735; m. John Rogers.
- 24. Stephen, b. 19 Feb., 1737.
- 25. Almy, b.

Children by Margaret.

- 26. Benjamin, b. 7 April, 1752; m. Abigail Dodge.
- 27. Samuel, b. ; died unm.
- 28. Margaret, b. ; m. Henry Osborn.
- 29. Anne, b. ; m. Peter Rogers.

CHRISTOPHER (22), b. 7 Sept., 1733, son of Benjamin Green and Almy Angel; married March, 1760, Mercy Stoddard, b. 10 March, 1740, daughter of Robert Stoddard and Bathsheba Rogers. He settled at Waterford (Quaker Hill) a farmer. He died 17 Oct., 1820. She died 23 Feb., 1830, aged 90.

Children.

- 30. Wealthy, b. 4 April, 1761; m. 1st, Robinson Johnson; 2d, Nathan Newberry.
- 31. Jonathan, b. 30 Aug., 1763; died at sea at the age of 18.
- 32. Lucy, b. Feb., 1766; m. Eli Widger.
- 33. Mary, b. 26 Feb., 1768; m. Henry Dayton.
- 34. Almy, b. 10 July, 1770; m. Jonathan Lester.
- 35. William, b. 7 June, 1772; m. Abigail ———.
- 36. Marcy, b. 14 Nov., 1774; m. Russel Harding.
- 37. Christopher, b. 3 March, 1777; m. 1st, Sally Palmer; 2d, Frances (Green) Culpepper.
- 38. Eunice, b. 10 June, 1779; m. 1st, ——— Rathbun; 2d, ——— Harding; 3d, ——— Perkins.
- 39. Stephen, b. 10 Oct., 1781; died young.

BENJAMIN (26), b. 7 April, 1752, son of Benjamin Green and Margaret Strickland; married 11 Jan., 1776, Abigail Dodge, b. 18 Aug., 1759. He settled in Waterford (Quaker Hill) a farmer. He died 14 Aug., 1839. She died 9 Sept., 1834.

Children.

- 40. Sarah, b. 2 Sept., 1777; m. Elkanah Comstock.
- 41. Margaret, b. 27 July, 1779; m. Zebediah Bolles.



- 42. Nancy, b. 5 March, 1783; m. Alexander Rogers.
- 43. Samuel, b. 30 Dec., 1784; m. Betsey Holmes.
- 44. Stephen, b. 1 Feb., 1794; m. Sarah Bolles.
- 45. Frances, b. 9 Sept., 1796; m. 1st, Malcolm Culpepper;  
2d, Christopher Green.

WILLIAM (35), b. 7 June, 1772, son of Christopher Green and Mercy Stoddard; m. Abigail ———. He settled in the State of New York.

#### Children.

- 46. William, b. 1799.
- 47. Jonathan, b.
- 48. Stephen, b.
- 49. Rodney, b.
- 50. Ray, b.
- 51. Leander, b.
- 52. Christopher, b.

CHRISTOPHER (37), b. 3 March, 1777, son of Christopher Green and Mercy Stoddard; married 1st, Sally Palmer, b. 16 Oct., 1783, daughter of Elder Reuben Palmer. She died 21 April, 1823, and he afterwards married Frances (Green) Culpepper, his cousin. He settled in Waterford, on the homestead of his father. He died ———. Frances (Green) Culpepper had a daughter by her first husband, Malcolm Culpepper, Frances Green, b. 29 Jan., 1815; married Thomas H. Finley of Waterford. Both were living in 1896.

SAMUEL (43), b. 30 Dec., 1784, son of Benjamin Green and Abigail Dodge; married Betsey Holmes, b. about 1787, daughter of Dr. Seth W. Holmes and Mary Bradford. He settled in Montville, living near Bartlett's Wharf; his land adjoined on the Thames River. He died 17 Jan., 1860. She died 28 April, 1827.

#### Children.

- 53. William Henry, b. 8 July, 1812; died unm.
- 54. John, b. 21 Aug., 1813; died unm.
- 55. Samuel, b. 11 Nov., 1815; m. Mary Ann Crandall.

- 56. Mary Holmes, b. 20 Jan., 1817; m. Benjamin G. Rogers.
- 57. Isaac, b. 4 Feb., 1810; died at 10.
- 58. Abby Ann, b. 10 March, 1820; m. John P. Hempstead.
- 59. Harriet, b. 4 May, 1821; died unm.
- 60. Lovina L., b. 7 Aug., 1822; m. Nicholas C. Stebbens.
- 61. Orrin, b. 20 Feb., 1827; died at sea at 17.

STEPHEN (44), b. 1 Feb., 1794, son of Benjamin Green and Abigail Dodge; married Sarah Bolles, daughter of Joseph Bolles and Betsey Cobb. He settled in Waterford a farmer.

#### Children.

- 62. Eliza, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. 1st, ——— Banning; 2d, William Thompson.
- 63. Joseph, b. about 1823; m. ——— Brown.
- 64. William, b. 1828; died unm.
- 65. Caroline, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Stiles Crandall.
- 66. George, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. \_\_\_\_\_; went South.

## CHESTER FAMILIES.

In 1663 Captain Samuel Chester, "commander and owner and factor in the West Indian trade," arrived in Boston, and located at New London, at the same time carrying on some business in Boston for a few years. He was skilled in surveying as well as in navigation, which was of great service to him in laying out lands in the new settlements. Trusty, faithful, just, loyal, yet persistent in the right of colonies. He was esteemed as a judicious and worthy man. Being a sea captain in early life, he had visited foreign ports, trading among the people of foreign climes with good success. He had a large landed estate, partly on the east side of the river, now Groton, covering the ground where Fort Griswold and Groton Monument now stand; also large tracts to the north and south of Groton Point, now called Eastern Point, on which his sons, Abraham, John, and Jonathan, settled and reared large families.

Captain Samuel Chester also held a large tract of land in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, on which his grandson Joseph settled. Jonathan Chester, son of Captain Samuel, who married Mary Rogers, 2 Jan., 1723-4, sold the land where Fort Griswold stands to the government of the United States in 1777. A deed to Captain Samuel Chester was signed by Uncas, 13 June, 1683, of a grant of several thousand acres in Colchester. The name of Captain Samuel Chester's wife was Hannah ———. His children, whose names have been recovered, were 1st, John, b. about 1690; another child was baptized at New London, 29 May, 1692; 3d, Hannah, bap. 25 March, 1694; 4th, Jonathan, bap. 21 March, 1697. John Chester married 1st, Nov., 1716, Macey Starr, and had son, Joseph, b. 6 March, 1730, who married

first, Rachel Hillhouse, 4 April, 1753, daughter of Rev. James Hillhouse and Mary Fitch, had a daughter, Mary, b. 17 Jan., 1754, and died 11 June, 1765. Rachel, his wife, died 8 April, 1754. He afterwards married Elizabeth Otis, 21 April, 1757, daughter of Deacon Joseph Otis and Elizabeth Little. He settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, where he was a farmer and large landholder. His residence was on what is now called Raymond Hill. His land joined Christopher Manwaring's on the west, and John G. Hillhouse's on the east, and run from Stony Brook on the north to Oxoboxo Pond on the south. In 1775 he sold two hundred acres of land to Nathaniel Comstock, adjoining the land of John G. Hillhouse.

A great legal controversy grew out of a claim for land between the Hillhouse heirs and the Chester heirs, in relation to the land which was claimed by the Chesters as relatives of the deceased child of Joseph Chester. This controversy continued many years in the courts, and was at last decided in favor of the Chesters.

Deacon Joseph Chester was chosen an elder in the church 10 April, 1778. He died 4 Aug., 1803. She died 2 Nov., 1798.

#### Children.

2. Josoph, b. 27 Jan., 1758; m. Elizabeth Lee.
3. Rachel, b. 12 June, 1759; m. Jared Comstock.
4. Elizabeth, b. 23 May, 1761; m. Ezekiel Fox.
5. Levi, b. 13 Feb., 1763; m. ; died 2 June, 1812.
6. Mercy, b. 5 Oct., 1764; m. 1st, Jonathan Whaley; 2d, Elisha Lord.
7. Otis, b. 24 Aug., 1766.
8. David, b. 23 April, 1768; m. Prudy Fox.
9. Mary, b. 27 Feb., 1770; m. Asahel Otis.
10. Mabel, b. 11 Nov., 1771; m. James Sterling, 8 Dec., 1795.
11. Caroline, b. 27 Aug., 1773; m. John Smith, 1 Oct., 1795.
12. John, b. 7 Oct., 1775; died 3 Oct., 1796, unm.

13. Olive, b. 12 March, 1777; m. William Haughton, 23 Nov., 1796.
14. Lucinda, b. 3 Feb., 1779; died 19 Feb., 1801, unm.
15. Dorothy, b. 7 Feb., 1781; m. Dr. Ephraim Fellowes.
16. Anna, b. 21 July, 1783; died 26 Oct., 1803.
17. Sally, b. 12 Jan., 1785; m. Elisha Forsyth, 24 Feb., 1811.

II. JOSEPH (2), b. 27 Jan., 1758, son of Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Otis; married 22 Sept., 1785, Elizabeth Lee, b. 25 May, 1757, daughter of Benjamin Lee and Mary Ely of Lyme. He was a farmer, and lived on a farm now located in Salem, then Montville. He was killed while excavating for a well near his house, by the falling of a rock under which he was digging, 2 April, 1791. She died 6 Jan., 1843.

#### Children.

18. Lemuel, b. about 1786; m. Jerusha Clark.
19. Joseph, b. 31 Jan., 1788; m. Prudee Tracy.
20. Erastus, b. about 1790; m. Lydia Williams.

II. DAVID (8), b. 23 April, 1768, son of Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Otis; married 8 Nov., 1797, Prudy Fox.

#### Children.

21. Eliza, b. 4 April, 1799; m. ——— Peters of Col.
22. John Fox, b. 8 Sept., 1801.
23. Sophia Maria, b. 8 July, 1803.
24. Charles, b.

III. LEMUEL (18), b. about 1786, son of Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Lee; m. Jerusha Clark.

#### Children.

25. Francis, b. ; m. Dr. Raymond.
26. Hubbard, b. ; m. ; died 18 Aug., 1846.
27. Joanna, b. ; m. George Miller.
28. Jennett, b. ; m. ——— Rollo.
29. Ellen, b. ; m. ——— Durey.
30. Gertrude, b. ; m. ——— Woodhull.

III. JOSEPH (19), b. 31 Jan., 1788, son of Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Lee; married 10 Sept., 1811, Prudee Tracy, b. 20 Feb., 1789, at Franklin, daughter of Eleazer Tracy and Prudee Rogers of Norwich. He was a merchant in Norwich. He died at Norwich 30 Jan., 1832. She afterwards removed in 1835, with most of her children, to Rome, Ohio, where she married Rev. John Hall. She died 6 Oct., 1853, at Norwich, while there on a visit with her friends, and was buried by the side of her first husband.

#### Children.

31. Albort Tracy, b. 16 June, 1812; m. Elizabeth Stanley.
32. Harriet Newell, b. 27 Sept., 1814; died 23 April, 1815.
33. Charles Huntington, b. 14 Oct., 1816; m. Julia A. Thomas.
34. Harriet Lee, b. 31 Jan., 1819; died 1 April, 1820.
35. Joseph Lemuel, b. 30 April, 1821; m. Catherine H. Hubbard.
36. Sarah Elizabeth, b. 21 Nov., 1823; m. Benjamin S. Stone.
37. Leonard Hendee, b. 1 Oct., 1825; m. Lucy C. Thurston.
38. Anson Gleason, b. 25 July, 1827; m. Mary T. Stains.

III. ERASTUS (20), b. about 1790, son of Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Lee; married 29 March, 1812, Lydia Williams. They removed to Ashtabula County, Ohio, 25 May, 1827, where he died in March, 1877.

#### Children.

39. Elizabeth, b. 8 Jan., 1813; m. Elijah Crosby.
40. Joseph, b. 13 Oct., 1815; m. Hannah McMaster.
41. Laura Maria, b. 23 March, 1817; m. William Lockwood.
42. Mary Jane, b. 6 Aug., 1819; m. Rev. Alexander Denney.
43. Hezekiah Griswold, b. 27 April, 1821; m. Laura Wilcox.
44. Erastus, b. 2 March, 1823; m. Mary Metcalf.
45. Albert, b. 1 April, 1825; m. Ann Maria Lee.

## MANWARING FAMILIES.

Oliver Manwaring, the first American ancestor of the name, was born in England about 1633. He came to New London about 1664 and bought a house lot of eleven acres, a portion of which, containing the house plot and garden it is said has never been alienated by the family, but was in 1890 still in the possession of a descendant in the direct male line. He married Hannah Raymond, daughter of Richard Raymond. She connected herself with the church in New London in 1671, at which time she had four of the children baptized.

Previous to the death of Joshua Raymond, Mr. Manwaring had bargained with Mr. Raymond for a tract of land in the North Parish of New London. Mr. Raymond dying before the deed of conveyance was executed, it was not until after 1704 that a title to the same was obtained. The widow of Mr. Raymond petitioned the General Court for authority to convey the land, which petition was granted, and conveyance made. She died 18 Dec., 1717. He died 3 Nov., 1723.

### Children.

2. Hannah, b.
3. Elizabeth, b.
4. Prudence, b.
5. Love, b.
6. Richard, bap. 13 July, 1673; m. Eleanor Jennings.
7. Judith, bap. April, 1676.
8. Oliver, bap. Feb., 1678; m. Hannah Hough.
9. Bathsheba, bap. 9 May, 1680.
10. Anna, bap. 18 June, 1682.
11. Mary, b.

II. RICHARD (6), bap. 13 July, 1673, son of Oliver Manwaring and Hannah Raymond; married 25 May, 1710, Eleanor Jennings, daughter of Richard Jennings and Elizabeth Reynolds, who emigrated from Barbadoes and settled at New London. He is said to have built the second grist mill erected in the town of New London, which was located at "the falls of Jordan Brook, where it falls into the cove," about the year 1712. He had a son (12) Christopher, b. 1 Sept., 1722, who married 31 Jan., 1745, Deborah Denison, b. 9 Dec., 1721, eldest daughter of Major Robert Denison and Deborah Griswold. He settled at New London, where he died in 1801. She died 22 March, 1816.

#### Children.

13. Robert, b. 16 Dec., 1745; m. 1st, Elizabeth Rogers; 2d, Elizabeth (Baker) Raymond, widow of Josiah; 3d, Susanna (Hubbard) Bushnell.
14. Deborah, b. 3 Sept., 1747; died at an advanced age, unm.
15. Hannah, b. 3 Oct., 1749; died at an advanced age, unm.
16. Eleanor, b. 12 Sept., 1751; died young.
17. Anna, b. 11 Sept., 1753; died young.
18. Elizabeth, b. 26 Sept., 1754; m. Nathaniel Hempstead.
19. Asa, b. 28 Nov., 1756; died 20 March, 1779, unm.
20. Rogers, b. 27 Aug., 1758; m. widow Ruth Crocker, 6 July, 1797.
21. Sybil, b. 14 June, 1760; died young.
22. Sarah, b. 1 April, 1762; m. Andrew Huntington; 2d wife.
23. John, b. 21 March, 1765; m. Eleanor Raymond.
24. Lois, b. 16 Aug., 1767; m. Andrew Huntington, 1st wife. They settled at Montville, where she died, leaving children.

II. OLIVER (8), bap. 2 Feb., 1678, second son of Oliver Manwaring and Hannah Raymond; married 15 March, 1705, Hannah Hough, b. at New London 30 June, 1688, daughter of Captain John Hough and Sarah Post.



## Children.

25. Richard, b. 10 Jan., 1707.
26. ———, b. 17 Sept., 1708; m. Rebecca Gager, daughter of Samuel Gager and Rebecca (Lay) Raymond, widow of David Raymond.
27. Oliver, b. 24 Jan., 1711; m. Mary Smith, daughter of Nehemiah Smith of Lyme.
28. Samuel, b. 25 Aug., 1713.
29. Hannah, b. 27 Feb., 1716; m. Jedediah Caulkins.
30. Sarah, b. 9 Aug., 1718; m. Simeon Gager.
31. John, b. 28 June, 1721; m. Elizabeth ———.
32. Anna, b. 20 Nov., 1723; m. Thomas Marshall.
33. Elizabeth, b. 11 July, 1727.
34. Jabez, b. 12 Jan., 1730; m. Mercy Miner.

IV. ROBERT (13), b. 16 Dec., 1745, son of Christopher Manwaring and Deborah Denison; married 8 Oct., 1772, Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of James Rogers and Grace Harris. She died about 1790. He then married Elizabeth (Baker) Raymond, daughter of Joshua Baker and Abigail Bliss, and widow of Josiah Raymond. She died at Norwich, 13 Feb., 1802. He afterwards married Susannah (Hubbard) Bushnell, daughter of Russel Hubbard. He died at Norwich, 29 March, 1807. She died at Windham, 19 April, 1814.

## Children by Elizabeth Rogers.

35. Christopher, b. 13 Dec., 1774; m. Sarah Bradley.
36. Frances, b. 6 Nov., 1776; m. Joshua Caulkins in 1792, son of Jonathan Caulkins and Lydia Smith. He died at New London in 1795, while on a trading voyage to San Domingo. They had three children, 1st, Parmelia, b. 19 April, 1793; she died at New London, 16 June, 1883; 2d, Frances Manwaring, b. 26 April, 1795. She was a literary writer and poetess, and the distinguished author of the History of New London, and of Norwich. She died at New London. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Frances (Manwaring) Caulkins married 18 Sept., 1807, Philemon Havens, and had four other chil-

dren: 1st, Robert Manwaring, b. 28 June, 1808, at Norwich; married 20 April, 1840, Adeline Clark of Vermont; 2d, Philemon, b. 21 July, 1810; died at Norwich, 6 July, 1816; 3d, Henry P., b. 11 Feb., 1815, at Norwich; m. 23 Feb., 1840, Elizabeth Douglass, b. 14 July, 1817, daughter of Robert Douglass of Waterford. He was a merchant at New London, where he was several years engaged in the whaling business. He was mayor of the city, and superintendent of the Second Congregational Sunday-school, and for many years before his death had a Sunday-school at Jordan, in which he took a great interest. He died much respected and greatly lamented in 1876; 4th, Elizabeth, b. 14 Feb., 1819; died 30 April, 1842.

#### Children.

- 37. Elizabeth, b. 22 June, 1778; m. William Raymond.
- 38. Eleanor, b. 22 Dec., 1780; died young.
- 39. Lucretia, b. 28 Oct., 1783; m. Henry Nevins, 10 June, 1805.
- 40. Phebe, b. 18 March, 1786; died young.

#### Child by Elizabeth.

- 41. Caleb Baker, b. 21 Jan., 1802; m. Lydia Wickwire in 1827; settled in western New York; had one child.

IV. ROGER (20), b. 27 Aug., 1758, son of Christopher Manwaring and Deborah Donison; married 6 July, 1797, Widow Ruth Crocker. He first settled at Montville, a farmer. He afterwards removed to Waterford, where he died in March, 1836. She died 17 Jan., 1854.

#### Children.

- 42. Elisha, b. 21 May, 1798; he was a lunatic, and died unm.
- 43. Silas, b. 10 Feb., 1800; m.
- 44. Asa, b. 11 April, 1802; m. a Widow Crocker.
- 45. Ezra, b. 22 April, 1804, at Montville.
- 46. Mary, b. at Montville.

IV. JOHN (23), b. 21 March, 1765, son of Christopher Manwaring and Deborah Denison; married 21 March, 1790, Eleanor Raymond, daughter of John Raymond and Elizabeth Griswold. He was a farmer in Montville. He was killed by a fall in 1811. She died at Greenfield, Iowa, in Aug., 1820.

Children.

47. Robert, b. 27 Oct., 1791; m. Martha Haskins.
48. Hannah Lynde, b. 29 May, 1793; m. Gurdon Waterman.
49. John, b. 23 Sept., 1795; m. Eliza Church.
50. Julia, b. 23 April, 1797; m. 1st, James Jones; 2d, Dr. Gideon S. Bailey.
51. Eleanor, b. 11 April, 1790; m. 1st, ——— Peck; 2d, Charles Patrick.
52. Harriet, b. 24 March, 1802; m. Russel Griffen.
53. Hynes, b. 25 April, 1804. He was a soldier in the U. S. Army, and died in 1829.

V. JOHN (49), b. 23 Sept., 1795, son of John Manwaring and Eleanor Raymond; m. 21 Feb., 1825, Eliza Church, b. 2 April, 1800, daughter of Peleg Church and Mary Leach. He was a large landholder in Montville. His lands lay along the north and west sides of Oxoboxo pond. He was also a cattle drover, and dealt in the purchase and sale of cattle, horses, and mules, often shipping them to foreign ports. He died 5 April, 1846, at Connellsville, Pa., while on a trip to purchase cattle. His wife died in Montville, 10 Jan., 1890.

Children.

54. Eliza, b. 28 Feb., 1826; m. 22 Dec., 1850, John R. Stanton, son of Rowland Stanton of Norwich. He was a cattle and horse trader, and resided at East Great Plain in Norwich. They had two children.
55. James H., b. 19 Sept., 1827. He has never married; has lived on the old homestead since the death of his father. He keeps a large stock of cattle and horses on the farm, and does a large business in trading stock. He was living in 1896.

56. Elcanor, b. 20 Dec., ———; m. her cousin, Robert Manwaring.
57. John, b. 25 March, 1833; m. Mercy Raymond, 27 May, 1863, daughter of Richard Raymond and Julia Ann Gardner. He settled in Norwich, where he is a thrifty farmer. His children were:
1. Infant son, b. 9 March, 1864; died 10 March, 1864.
  2. John, b. 16 Oct., 1865. Keeps a sale stable at Norwich, Conn., 1896.
  3. Estelle, b. 6 Sept., 1868; m. 11 Nov., 1890, Dwight Kelsey; had son, b. 28 Jan., 1893. She died 10 April, 1894.
  4. Infant son, b. 22 Feb., 1871; died 27 Feb., 1871.
  5. Ier Jay, b. 20 Dec., 1872. Received degree of M.D. at Woman's Medical College, Phil., Pa., 8 May, 1895.

IV. ELIZABETH (18), b. 26 Sept., 1754, daughter of Christopher Manwaring and Deborah Donison, married 26 Aug., 1777, Nathaniel Hempstead of New London, b. 7 Feb., 1753. They had two sons and three daughters, 1st, Nathaniel, b. 2 Sept., 1780; 2d, Christopher, b. 17 April, 1787; 3d, Elizabeth, b. 7 Nov., 1778; 4th, Anna, b. 2 May, 1784, and Hannah, b. 13 April, 1792.

V. CHRISTOPHER (35), b. 13 Dec., 1774, son of Robert Manwaring and Elizabeth Rogers; m. 1st, Sarah Bradley, 5 Nov., 1797, daughter of Joshua Bradley. She died 30 Oct., 1805. He then married for his second wife Mary Wolcott, daughter of Dr. Simon Wolcott and Lucy Rogers, 21 Jan., 1807. She died 4 Dec., 1832.

#### Children by Elizabeth.

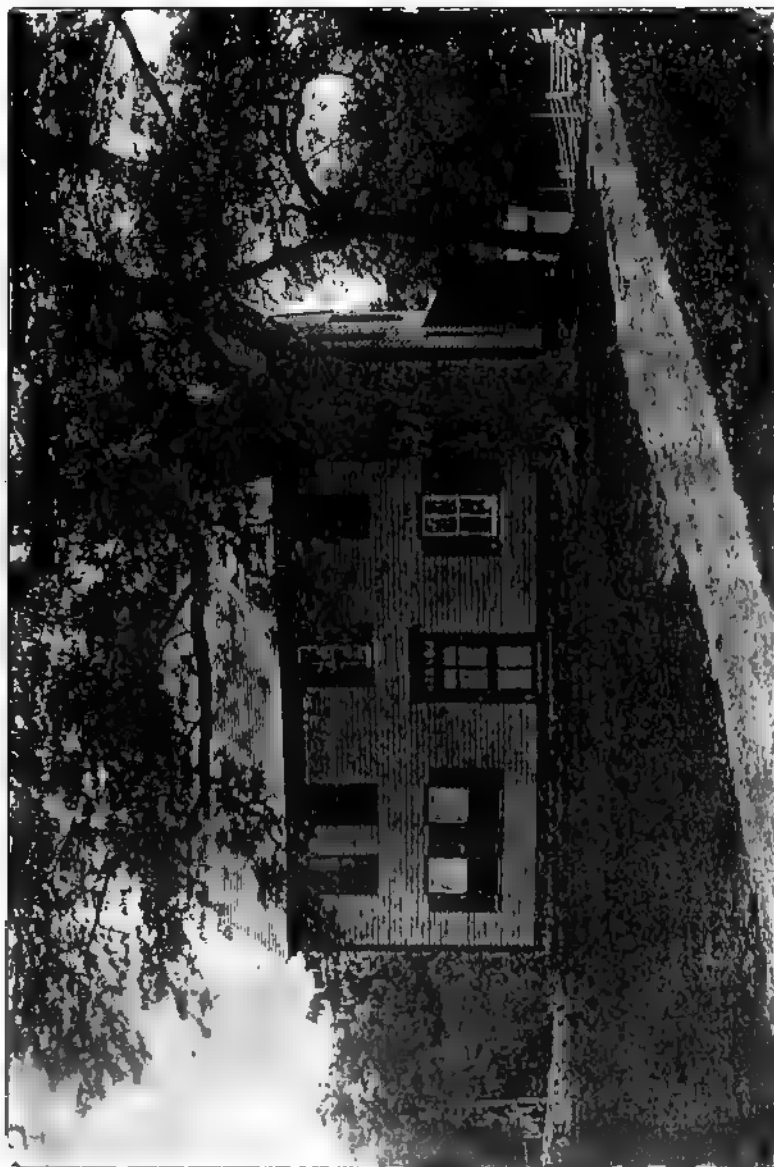
58. Sally, b. 25 Oct., 1798; died 2 Nov., 1798.
59. Christopher C., b. 14 Dec., 1799; m. Catherine J. Hinsdale.

- 60. Lucretia, b. 16 Oct., 1803; m. Nathan Colver.
- 61. Infant son, b. 5 Sept., 1805; died the next day.

Children by Mary.

- 62. Simon, b. 30 Sept., 1809; m. Sarah Banta, 2 Nov., 1837, and had 1st, Mary Ellen, b. 7 Sept., 1838; m. George Allison; 2d, Sarah Frances, b. 19 March, 1841; died 8 Sept., 1847; 3d, Hester Julia, b. 16 June, 1843; m. William G. Allison; 4th, Caroline, b. 12 Dec., 1845; m. Louis De Santler; 5th, Martha Pitkin, b. 18 Aug., 1849; m. Augustus Foster.
- 63. Robert Alexander, b. 2 Aug., 1811; m. 15 May, 1845, Ellen Barber, dau. of Hon. Noyes Barber and Mary Elizabeth (Chester) Smith. He was a physician in New London. Dr. Manwaring was the leading physician in New London, and a successful practitioner. He died at New London, 1 Sept., 1890. He left one son, Wolcott Barber, b. 30 May, 1847, who was living at New London in 1896, unm.





TURNER HOUSE.

## TURNER FAMILIES.

Thomas Turner, born about 1700 at Scituate, Mass., was probably the son of Nathan Turner, grandson of Thomas and great-grandson of Humphrey Turner. Humphrey Turner, with his wife Lydia and some children, emigrated from England (tradition says from Essex) and landed at Plymouth in 1628. In 1633 he became one of the first settlers of Scituate, Mass. He had six sons and two daughters, their names not having been recovered. Thomas Turner settled at New London about 1720, and married, 23 Nov., 1727, Patience Bolles, daughter of John Bolles and Sarah Edgecombe, by whom he had nine children. She died about 1760. He afterwards married, 8 Dec., 1770, Mary Waterhouse, widow of John Waterhouse. He died in 1792, aged 92 years.

### Children.

2. John, b. 29 July, 1728; m. Bathsheba Whipple.
3. Sarah, b. 15 Nov., 1729; m. ——— Whipple.
4. Delama, b. 19 Oct., 1731; m. Gideon Comstock.
5. Mathew, b. 12 Oct., 1733; m. 1st, Mary Fargo; 2d, Elizabeth Smith.
6. Patience, b. 1735; m. Nathaniel Chappell.
7. Mercy, b. 27 April, 1740; m. Moses Fargo.
8. Samuel, b. 6 March, 1741; m. ——— Whipple.
9. Zipporah, b. 1 Nov., 1743; m. Norman Lester.
10. Delight, b. 4 Feb., 1757; m. Nathaniel Hubbard.

II. JOHN (2), b. 29 July, 1728, son of Thomas Turner and Patience Bolles; m. 1 Nov., 1750, Bathsheba Whipple, b. 6 June, 1731, daughter of Zechariah Whipple.



## Children.

11. John, b. 16 Nov., 1751; m. Mary Newson. He was lost at sea.
12. Elizabeth, b. 16 June, 1753.
13. James, b. 5 Jan., 1757.
14. Thomas, b. 11 June, 1759.

II. MATHEW (5), b. 12 Oct., 1733, son of Thomas Turner and Patience Bolles; married Mary Fargo. She was a sister of Deacon Robert Fargo of Montville. She died ——. He afterwards married, 14 Feb., 1760, Elizabeth Smith, dau. of Jonathan Smith. He was a farmer, and settled in the North Parish of New London in the vicinity of the old Baptist church.

## Child by Mary.

15. Isaac, b. 2 April, 1754; m. Anna Comstock.

## Children by Elizabeth.

16. Mary, b. 22 Nov., 1760; m. Joshua Douglass.
17. Peregreen, b. 2 Nov., 1762; m. Abigail Forsyth.
18. Elizabeth, b. 2 Aug., 1765; m. William Tinker.
19. Jonathan, b. 20 May, 1768; m. Lois Gilbert.
20. John, b. 19 Jan., 1771; m. Sabra Tinker.
21. Mathew, b. 16 June, 1773; m. Abigail Chapel.
22. David, b. 10 April, 1776; m. Lois Baker.
23. Sarah, b. 4 Aug., 1779; m. Calvin Bolles.
24. James, b. 13 July, 1781; m. Mary Baker.

III. ISAAC (15), b. 2 April, 1754, son of Mathew Turner and Mary Fargo; married in 1776, Anna Comstock, daughter of Lancaster Comstock and Mary Smith. He was a farmer, and was a prominent man in town affairs, and held important town offices. He died 13 Nov., 1829. She died 30 June, 1831.

## Children.

25. Guy, b. 7 June, 1778; m. Grace Comstock.
26. Mary, b. 7 April, 1781; m. Samuel Rathbone.

- 27. Giles, b. 30 Oct., 1783; m. Eunice Comstock.
- 28. Isaac, b. 5 April, 1786; m. Esther Comstock.
- 29. Nancy, b. 11 Sept., 1788; m. Jonathan Comstock.
- 30. Jared, b. 1 April, 1790; m. Nancy Stebbins.
- 31. Elizabeth, b. 22 Oct., 1793; m. Samuel Comstock.
- 32. Mercy Maria, b. 29 Jan., 1795; m. Gideon Palmer.

III. JONATHAN (19), b. 20 May, 1768, son of Mathew Turner and Elizabeth Smith; m. Lois Gilbert, dau. of Jonathan Gilbert.

Children.

- 33. Gilbert, b.
- 34. Nancy, b.
- 35. Louisa, b.

III. MATHEW (21), b. 16 June, 1773, son of Mathew Turner and Elizabeth Smith; m. 19 July, 1795, Abigail Chapel, daughter of Ezekiel Chapel and Sarah Gardner. He was a farmer, and owned a large farm in the town of Salem in Chesterfield Society. He died there 1 June, 1866, aged 93 years. She died 17 March, 1858, aged 81 years.

Children.

- 39. Harriet, b. 8 Feb., 1800; m. Israel Newton.
- 40. Hubbard, b. 1 Sept., 1802; died 3 Nov., 1837.
- 41. Amy Chapel, b. 24 Oct., 1804; died in childhood.
- 42. Sophrona, b. 1 Sept., 1806; died in childhood.
- 43. Lyman, b. 24 Sept., 1809; m. Martha Lewis.
- 44. John, b. 10 Oct., 1816; died 1 Jan., 1843.

III. DAVID (22), b. 10 April, 1776, son of Mathew Turner and Elizabeth Smith; m. 26 Nov., 1797, Lois Baker, daughter of Josiah Baker and Abigail Leffingwell. He settled at Colchester, was a prominent and successful business man and much respected. He died 16 Aug., 1820, at New London. She died at Montville, 12 Aug., 1853.

## Children.

45. Elizabeth, b. 5 Feb., 1799; m. 1 March, 1842, Rev. John Williams Salter, b. 28 Jan., 1798, son of General John Salter of Mansfield. He was a graduate of Yale College, class of 1818. He was a Congregational minister, and acting pastor of the First Congregational church in Montville from 1847 to April 1, 1858. He removed to Manchester, his native place, in 1860, and died there 6 July, 1869. She died ———.
46. Josiah Baker, b. 10 April, 1801; m. 15 July, 1822, Julia Hubbard Isham of New London, and had three children, Lucretia Hubbard, Elizabeth, Sarah Rose. He died at St. Louis, 16 Oct., 1846.
47. David Smith, b. 27 July, 1804; m. 23 Dec., 1828, Mary Ann Lord of New York City, and had five children, David Lord, Harriet Lord, Louisa Elizabeth, and two died in infancy.
48. Francis Gardner, b. 20 May, 1807; died at Colchester, 12 Nov., 1837, unm.
49. Jonathan Trumbull, b. 17 June, 1809; m. 15 Nov., 1833, Adelaide Richards of New London, and had eight children, John, who died in infancy, John, Francis Gardner, Charles Prentis, Leonard Richards, Elizabeth Huntington, Harriet Adelaide, Marvin Wait.

III. JAMES (24), b. 13 July, 1781, son of Mathew Turner and Elizabeth Smith; m. 14 July, 1805, Mary Baker, daughter of Josiah Baker and Abigail Leffingwell. He was a farmer, and lived in Chesterfield Society. She died 11 July, 1855, and he died 14 May, 1859.

## Children.

50. Mary Emily, b. 10 Jan., 1807; m. John M. Latimer.
51. Abby Ann, b. 29 Aug., 1808; m. Mulford C. Raymond.
52. Almira, b. 5 Sept., 1810; m. 20 Jan., 1831, Robert Fargo, b. 12 Feb., 1799. They had one daugh-

ter, Mary, b. 15 June, 1833. She married Orlando N. Raymond.

- 53. James Henry, b. 22 Oct., 1812; m. Jane Clark.
- 54. Laura Ransom, b. 9 Feb., 1815; m. William Whaley.
- 55. Mathew, b. 27 April, 1817; m. Amanda Jackson.
- 56. Peregrine, b. 10 Aug., 1819; m. Romelia Potter.
- 57. David, b. 30 Sept., 1821; m.
- 58. Emoline Smith, b. 5 May, 1825; m. Jared Turner.

IV. GUY (25), b. 7 June, 1778, son of Isaac Turner and Anna Comstock; m. 8 Dec., 1799, Grace Comstock, daughter of Peter Comstock and Sarah Mirick. He was a merchant, and settled in New London. He died 18 March, 1833. She died 27 April, 1852, aged 74 years.

#### Children.

- 59. Anna, b. 7 April, 1800; m. Wanton A. Weaver.
- 60. Sarah, b. 8 April, 1802; died 20 Dec., 1817.
- 61. Peter Comstock, b. 15 June, 1804; m. 1st, Mary Mason; 2d,
- 62. Isaac, b. 12 Oct., 1806; lost at sea 5 Dec., 1831, in the Schooner Alabama on her passage to Mobile.
- 63. Emily, b. 4 June, 1808; died 25 Jan., 1818.
- 64. Elisha, b. in Jan., 1811; died 9 Jan., 1818.
- 65. Guy, b. in Aug., 1812; died 12 June, 1815.
- 66. Maria Louisa, b. 15 July, 1815; m. William P. Benjamin.
- 67. Elizabeth, b. 1817; died young.
- 68. Charles, b. 1 Dec., 1819; died 4 Oct., 1832.

IV. GILES (27), b. 30 Oct., 1783, son of Isaac Turner and Anna Comstock; m. in 1807, Eunice Comstock, daughter of Oliver Comstock and Amy Comstock. He was a farmer, and owned a well-cultivated farm in Montville. He was a man of integrity, a member of the Baptist church, and held important offices of trust in his native town. She died 16 March, 1862. He died at Montville, 10 Feb., 1864.

## Children.

- 69. Almira, b. 30 July, 1808; m. Albert G. Darrow.
- 70. Jane M., b. 26 Dec., 1811; m. Christopher C. Loomis.
- 71. Samuel R., b. 28 Sept., 1813; m. Hannah Butler.
- 72. Catherine C., b. 25 Sept., 1816; died 20 Aug., 1835, unkm.
- 73. Lucy Ann, b. 6 March, 1819.
- 74. Giles F., b. 6 Feb., 1823; died 24 Aug., 1846, unkm.
- 75. Horace, b. 28 May, 1824; died 30 Nov., 1827.
- 76. Julia Theresa, b. 19 May, 1826; m. Rev. George R. Darrow.
- 77. William C., b. 30 May, 1828; m. Sarah H. Latimer.

IV. ISAAC (28), b. 5 April, 1786, son of Isaac Turner and Anna Comstock; m. Esther Comstock, daughter of Oliver Comstock and Amy Comstock. He was a farmer and merchant. He was a large landholder and land speculator, living at Montville, his native town. He died suddenly, 8 April, 1832. She died 22 Feb., 1856.

## Children.

- 78. Timothy Whitman, b. 16 Feb., 1809; m. Tabathy Buddington.
- 79. Mary Caroline, b. in April, 1811; m. 1st, Benjamin Jerome; 2d, John P. Wheeler.
- 80. James Laurence, b. in Aug., 1813; m. Sarah A. Palmer.
- 81. Henry, b. 1 Feb., 1816; m. Asenith Nichols.
- 82. Emily, b. 8 May, 1818; m. John G. Baker.
- 83. Sarah, b. in Jan., 1821; died 2 March, 1857, unkm.
- 84. John, b. 5 June, 1823; m. Maria Theresa Palmer.
- 85. Isaac, b. 1826; m. Lucy Goer.
- 86. Guy, b. in Feb., 1829; m. Eleanor Green.

IV. JARED (30), b. 1 April, 1790, son of Isaac Turner and Anna Comstock; m. Nancy Stebbins, daughter of Edward Stebbins and Ann Bishop. He was a farmer and merchant, and settled in East Lyme. She died 6 Sept., 1851. He died 18 Jan., 1861.

## Children.

- 87. Nancy Maria, b. 20 Oct., 1814; m. Peter H. Comstock.
- 88. Harriet, b. 24 May, 1817; m. John D. Otis.
- 89. Henry E., b. 1 Sept., 1819; m. Mariette S. Fitch.
- 90. Albert G., b. 18 Sept., 1821; died young.
- 91. Jared, b. 6 Dec., 1823; m. Emeline S. Turner.
- 92. Mary Ann, b. 8 Jan., 1829; died 18 March, 1832.

IV. LYMAN (43), b. 24 Sept., 1809, son of Mathew Turner and Abigail Chapel; married in Sept., 1842, Martha Lewis. She died Nov., 1861. He died 21 Feb., 1864.

## Children.

- 93. John, b.
- 94. Mary, b.
- 95. Elizabeth, b.
- 96. Bell, b.

IV. JAMES HENRY (53), b. 22 Oct., 1812, son of James Turner and Mary Baker; m. Jane Clark, and had children.

## Children.

- 97. James, b.
- 98. John C., b.
- 99. Lucy, b.

IV. MATTHEW (55), b. 27 April, 1817, son of James Turner and Mary Baker; m. 14 Sept., 1848, Amanda Jackson.

## Children.

- 100. Mary E., b. 26 July, 1849.
- 101. Jared R., b. 23 Oct., 1850.
- 102. Janette, b. 2 Feb., 1853; died 2 Aug., 1868.
- 103. James M., b. 7 Oct., 1855.
- 104. Nellie, b. 23 Aug., 1862; died 16 April, 1863.

V. PETER COMSTOCK (61), b. 15 June, 1804, son of Guy Turner and Grace Comstock; married 19 Nov., 1826, Mary Mason. She died 23 June, 1834. He afterwards married, 15 Oct., 1835, Mary Ann Mason. He settled at New London, and was cashier in the Whaling Bank a number of years, and afterwards in the First National Bank. He died in 1883.

Children by Mary.

- 105. Peter C., b. 10 Dec., 1827; died young.
- 106. Mary M., b. 29 April, 1829; m. Samuel L. Comstock, 1853.
- 107. Peter C., b. 28 July, 1831.
- 108. Charles, b. 20 April, 1834.

Children by Mary Ann.

- 109. Frederick M., b. 12 July, 1837.
- 110. Francis M., b. 6 Dec., 1839; died in 1843.
- 111. Grace, b. 23 Feb., 1842; m. Frank H. Ames.
- 112. Luther G., b. 8 June, 1845.
- 113. Elisha, b.
- 114. Alice S., b. 15 Dec., 1849.

V. SAMUEL R. (71), b. 28 Sept., 1813, son of Giles Turner and Eunice Comstock; m. 16 May, 1837, Hannah Butler.

Children.

- 115. Partha, b. 9 Feb., 1838.
- 116. George B., b. 13 Nov., 1840.
- 117. Frederick S., b. 28 Sept., 1842.
- 118. Charles II., b. 6 Jan., 1845.
- 119. Edward H., b. 27 Aug., 1849.

V. WILLIAM C. (77), b. 30 May, 1828, son of Giles Turner and Eunice Comstock; m. 10 March, 1856, Sarah H. Latimer, dau. of Joseph H. Latimer and Theresa Tinker. He first settled at Montville, where he was a farmer. He afterwards removed to New York, where he engaged in the hose business, and where both were living in 1896.

## Children.

120. Minnie M., b. 27 Aug., 1859.  
121. George Edwin, b. 1 Feb., 1860.

V. TIMOTHY WHITMAN (78), b. 16 Feb., 1809, son of Isaac Turner and Esther Comstock; m. 11 Oct., 1842, Tabithy Buddington. He was a merchant, first at Uncasville, and afterwards a merchant and postmaster at Groton Bank. He died at Groton in 1880. Had one daughter,  
122. Mary, b. 19 July, 1843.

JAMES L. (80), b. Aug., 1813, son of Isaac Turner and Esther Comstock; m. 27 Dec., 1835, Sarah Ann Palmer, daughter of Gideon Palmer and Mercy M. Turner.

## Children.

123. Sarah Ann, b.  
124. James Lawrence, b.  
125. Emma Bile, b.  
126. Mary, b.  
127. William, b.  
128. Julius T., b.  
129. Wendell E., b.

HENRY (81), b. 1 Feb., 1816, son of Isaac Turner and Esther Comstock; m. 25 May, 1846, Aseneth Nichols. She died at Norwich, 24 April, 1854. He was a merchant at Norwich. He died at South Norwalk, 7 Sept., 1876.

## Children.

130. Henry R., b. 31 March, 1847.  
131. Charles N., b. 20 March, 1849.

JOHN (84), b. 5 June, 1823, son of Isaac Turner and Esther Comstock; m. Maria Theresa Palmer, daughter of Gideon Palmer and Mercy M. Turner. He was a silk cord manufacturer at Norwich, where he died.



## Children.

- 132. Theresa, b. 6 Dec., 1851; died 12 July, 1854.
- 133. John Huntington, b. 15 Oct., 1856; died 2 Nov., 1875.
- 134. Frank Comstock, b. 29 Oct., 1858.
- 135. Maria Cornelia, b. 17 May, 1861.
- 136. Lillian, b. 7 Aug., 1863; died 18 July, 1864.
- 137. Isaac Emerson, b. 7 Aug., 1865.

ISAAC (85), b. 1826, son of Isaac Turner and Esther Comstock; m. 31 May, 1853, Lucy Almira Geer, daughter of Holibut W. Geer. He first settled at Montville, a merchant; was engaged in the grocery business at Palmertown, a member of the firm of Palmer, Turner & Co. He afterwards removed to Norwich, and engaged in the silk-cord manufacturing; was living in 1896.

## Children.

- 138. Isaac Worthington, b. 19 Aug., 1854.
- 139. Hattie Esther, b. 12 June, 1856; died 23 March, 1868.
- 140. George Green, b. 9 Nov., 1857; died 4 Oct., 1868.
- 141. Annie Louisa, b. 28 May, 1869.
- 142. Edward Guy, b. 15 July, 1870.

GUY (86), b. Feb., 1829, son of Isaac Turner and Esther Comstock; m. 22 April, 1857, Eleanor Green. He died 26 April, 1874, leaving one daughter,

- 143. Ada G. L., b. 25 July, 1859.





VALLEY HOUSE

## VALLET FAMILIES.

There is a mazo about the early history of this family, owing to a deficiency of record to substantiate that which is traditional, and there are also incidents that appear a little romantic, causing much perplexity to the historian. However, if the traditions of this family history, together with the few incidental facts of record, are to be taken as substantially true, the case is apparently clear.

It is an established fact that about the middle of the eighteenth century there were three persons bearing the name of Jeremiah Vallet. The eldest one is supposed to have come from Rhode Island and to have settled in the North Parish of New London, and tradition says that the two others were his sons.

Jeremiah Vallet the first, was probably born about 1713. The place of his birth and parentage are unknown. He was a mariner and sea captain, and went on long voyages, but to what ports he sailed for, or from what ports he sailed from, is also not ascertained. That he made such voyages, the incidents in his history fully show. Tradition says that he was married to Mary Hammond, daughter of Isaac Hammond, a resident of the North Parish of New London, about 1739. By this marriage a son was born, whom they named Jeremiah, born about 1740. As the story goes, Captain Jeremiah Vallet soon after his marriage went on a sea voyage, expecting to return within a year. The time of his expected return came, but no news from the captain was ever received. Several years passed, and the wife heard nothing from her husband, and gave up all expectations of ever seeing the captain again, and concluded that he was dead. During the time of his absence she managed to sup-

port herself and son by taking boarders. Among her boarders was a man by the name of Thomas Adams, a shipwright. The wife, supposing her husband to be dead, put on the emblem of mourning. After a proper time, this Thomas Adams proposed marriage, to which she consented. This marriage took place about the year 1744. Their first child, Mary, was born 21 Sept., 1745.

Soon after the birth of this child, and while the happy couple were in the full enjoyment of their married life, one day Captain Vallet walked into his former home, and was much surprised upon finding that his wife had married another man. The two husbands, however, had a quiet talk over the matter. Mr. Adams was quite unwilling to give up his supposed lawful wife, and she thought it cruel that her first husband should insist upon her abandoning her second husband, as she said, "I have mourned for you for years as being dead." "Well," said Captain Vallet, "your claims are both reasonable, and I will consent to the separation on two conditions: First, the boy which is my son shall be given up to me, and second, both of you must leave this place, and seek a home in other parts." To this the second husband and wife consented, and at once removed to East Windsor, Conn., where they settled, and there were born to them three sons and five daughters. The eldest daughter, Mary, was married on 1 May, 1766, to Thomas Allen, son of Azariah, born in Enfield, Conn., 14 May, 1746. Jonathan Allen, son of Ebenezer, born in Enfield, Conn., 22 June, 1755; married Sarah Adams, another daughter of Thomas Adams and Mary (Hammond) Vallet. She was born at East Windsor, 16 April, 1753. All were respectable persons, and their descendants have been men and women of good standing and moral qualities.

Captain Vallet again married, settled in Montville, a farmer. The land records show that in March, 1748, Jeremiah Vallet purchased land of Ezra Dodge, for which he paid 205 lbs. 13s. He afterwards bought other lands in the vi-

cinity of his first purchase. On this land he lived until his death in 1795. His inventory bears date Dec. 1st, 1793, comprising 180 acres of land, valued at £540, and personal property at £161.

Captain Jeremiah Vallet was a cripple for several years before his death, caused by a fall from his horse, as he was riding across the lots from his home to his neighbors, Benjamin Atwell. It being very icy, the horse slipped and fell upon his rider, breaking one of his legs. It is said that Jeremiah Vallet, Jr., would occasionally visit his mother and half brothers and sisters, and were always friendly with each other. After the death of Captain Vallet, Luther Allen, son of Moses Allen and Mary Adams, made a visit to his uncle, Jeremiah Vallet, at Montville. The following is a copy of a part of a letter written by Luther to his parents, while on a visit to his uncle in 1800.

Montville, Thursday, 20 Feb., 1800.

Dear Paronts and Loving Friends:

With the tender feelings of a dutiful child to a kind parent, and a heart that is welling with love towards my Benevolent Benefactors, I indite these lines to inform you that your son (L) is in good health and this day in Montville, and accompanied with our Real Friends (Mr. Vallet and Family). We are all in good health, and earnestly desire these to reach you enjoying so great a Blessing. I Received the Receipt of your favor on Thursday last, at half past eight in the evening. I was then at Newport, Rhode Island. I came eight miles that night, and took the Stage next morning at half past four in the morning, and arrived at New London Ferry at 6 p. m. the same day, and this day have arrived at my uncle's house, where I sat down with no little pleasure to inform you of my safe arrival. The Family inform me that they had word from you by the last post, and that you were all well, and had a pleasant journey without Exceptions,

which I rejoice to hear. I should have been glad to have seen you here, But since it is so that we have missed each other, I have nothing to say or cast the Least Reflection.

LUTHER ALLEN.

There was another Jeremiah Vallet who was a resident of this town. He was a blacksmith, and resided near to Uncasville, and called Jeremiah Vallet, 3d, and who it is reported was also a son of Captain Jeremiah Vallet, and whose mother was one Mary Rogers, and was some older than Jeremiah Vallet, Jr., whose mother was Mary (Hammond) Vallet. The Probate Records of New London show that one Jeremiah Vallet on March 14, 1754, being at that time "upwards of fourteen years of age, son of Mary Rogers, chose Pemberton Baker for his guardian." This young man grew to manhood, married, and had a family of children. He had a daughter, Charlotte, born about 1789, and married Alexander Comstock. Another daughter died in 1824, unmarried. His other children were James, Joshua, Pruda, and Elizabeth. The last named died 21 April, 1814, aged 34 years. One of his sons, it is said, was killed while in the act of entering a store in New London in the night time for the purpose of theft. It is supposed that his father was with him, and assisted in getting through a window, but before he had gained an entrance was fired upon by some person concealed in the building, and killed. His father, taking the body, dragged it to the river, where he fastened it to a boat and towed it up the river to a landing place near where he lived, and buried it on his own land. It was afterwards ascertained that his son was dead, and the authorities of the town caused the body to be exhumed, which upon examination was found to contain a bullet hole, which had been stuffed full of cotton, probably to stop the flow of blood. The boy's father, being questioned about his death, said that "he died very suddenly of a disease of a malignant nature, and he had buried him without letting anyone know anything

about it." The case was for some reason dropped, and nothing further done about it.

Some time after this affair, Mr. Vallet was caught entering the grist mill, which stood at the head of Haughton's Cove, then run by Jason Comstock, and taking grain. A complaint was made out, and he was arrested and tried before the Superior Court at New London at the September term in 1808, convicted and sentenced "to be imprisoned in Newgate to be kept to hard labor for the space of two years, and to pay costs of prosecution, taxed and allowed to be \$35.59." Mr. Vallet died in the prison before his term of sentence had expired.

Jeremiah Vallet, Jr., born about 1740, son of Captain Jeremiah Vallet and Mary Hammond; married 1st, ——— Holmes, and had three or four children. She died at the birth of twins; 2d, Mary Ann Thompson, daughter of Jabez Thompson.

He was a farmer, lived on the old homestead at Montville, and died there about 1821. His will was admitted for probate 5 Oct., 1821. Inventory presented and approved 31 Oct., 1821, and amounted to \$3,150.71. Harry Vincent and Burrel Thompson were the appraisers. There is a tradition of the family that on the return of Captain Vallet from one of his sea voyages, he brought home 3,000 Spanish milled dollars and other silver coin. It is very probable that with this money he bought the land which was added to his original purchase. Mary Ann, the wife, survived her husband and died 18 March, 1835, aged 81 years.

#### Children by Mary Ann.

William, b. 11 June, 1784; m. Amy Comstock.

Mary, b. 1 April, 1786; m. Abel Bissel about 1820.

John, b. 15 June, 1789; m. Mary Dolbeare.

Nancy, b. twin to John, died 1 Jan., 1843, unm.

Jeremiah, b. Oct., 1795; m. Hannah Chapel.



William Vallet, b. 11 June, 1784, son of Jeremiah and Mary Ann (Thompson) Vallet; married about 1812, Amy Comstock, daughter of Peter Comstock and Sarah Mirick. He was a farmer, and settled at Batavia, N. Y., where he died in 1853. He had children, William, Joseph, John, Mary, Harriet, and Electa.

Jeremiah Vallet, b. Oct., 1795, son of Jeremiah and Mary Ann (Thompson) Vallet; married 23 Jan., 1843, Hannah Chapel, daughter of Daniel Chapel and Nancy Richards. He was a farmer, and lived on the homestead of his father and grandfather, and died there, 12 July, 1853. She died 11 Feb., 1883, at Uncasville.

#### Children.

Mary, b. 25 Dec., 1843; died 8 July, 1876, unm.

John, b. 18 March, 1848; m.

Jeremiah, b. 26 Dec., 1852.

## SCHOLFIELD FAMILY.

On the 24th day of March, 1793, John Scholfield, with his family, consisting of his wife Hannah and six children, and his brother Arthur, sons of Arthur Scholfield, who lived at Standish Foot in Saddleworth, Yorkshire, England, sailed from Liverpool for the United States. They arrived in Boston in May following, and took up their residence in Charlestown, Mass., near Bunker Hill, at which place they remained until August following, making preparation and constructing machinery for the manufacture of woolen cloth.

Having been introduced to Mr. Jedediah Morse, author of "Morse's Geography and Gazetteer," as woolen manufacturers and well skilled in the most improved mode of manufacture in England, they were by him introduced to some persons of wealth in Newburyport, who availed themselves of the opportunity offered, and immediately put up a factory at Byfield, in the vicinity of Newburyport, under the supervision of John and Arthur Scholfield. At this factory, the Scholfield brothers constructed and put in operation the first wool-carding machine that was successfully operated in this country. This machine was first operated by hand. When all the machinery necessary for making woolen cloth was completed, it was put to practical use, and John Scholfield was employed as agent. The business was prosperous, and the owners were well satisfied with their investment, and looked forward with a good prospect of success. Other persons had, previous to this time, attempted to operate woolen machinery, but had failed, owing to the imperfect construction of the machinery. Mr. John and Arthur Scholfield have the honor of being the pioneers in woolen manufacture in the United States.

After remaining at Byfield about five years, John and Arthur, having made their business a success, and become acquainted with the surrounding country by excursions into Rhode Island and Connecticut, to purchase wool and to introduce their cloth, concluded to remove to some other place. Mr. John Scholfield on one of his excursions into Connecticut became acquainted with a valuable water privilege in Montville, near the outlet of the Oxoboxo stream. This privilege he leased of the owner for the term of fourteen years. The two brothers, John and Arthur Scholfield, sold out their interest in Massachusetts in 1798, and removed to Montville, where they started a factory for carding rolls and manufacturing cloth. The business was successfully carried on with a yearly increase until the termination of their lease in 1812.

Arthur Scholfield left Montville in 1802 or 1803 and settled in Pittsfield, Mass., where in 1804 he produced the first piece of broadcloth made in this country. John Scholfield afterwards purchased a privilege at Stonington, and another at Montville. To the latter place he removed in 1814. Here he remained until his death, the 28 day of Feb., 1820, aged 62 years. His wife survived him, and died at Waterford, the 29th day of March, 1845, aged 82 years.

Arthur Scholfield, Sr., was a spectacle maker in England, where he died about 1810, aged 80 years. He had seven sons, viz.: Arthur, John, Joseph, James, Benjamin, Abraham and Isaac. Isaac, the youngest son of Arthur Scholfield, came to this country several years after the oldest brothers and settled at Boston, Mass., where he was engaged as a successful merchant. His children were Arthur, Isaac, Joseph, Charles, Adeline, Anna, and Ellen.

John Scholfield, b. about 1758, second son of Arthur Scholfield; married about 1781, Hannah Fox, born in England about 1763.

## Children.

2. John, b. in England 20 Nov., 1782; m. Betsey Comstock.
3. James, b. in England 23 Sept., 1784; m. Anna Comstock.
4. Mary, b. in England 4 Feb., 1787; m. Thomas Hinkley.
5. Joseph, b. in England 23 March, 1789; m. Mercy Newberry.
6. Thomas, b. in England 21 March, 1791; m. Cynthia Ross.
7. Martha, b. in England 27 Jan., 1793; m. Harry Vincent, b. May 12, 1792.
8. Benjamin, b. at Byfield 26 Jan., 1796; m. Caroline Hedden. She died Jan. 28, 1878. He died Aug. 19, 1878.
9. Hannah, b. at Byfield 26 Jan., 1798; m. Elias Strickland.
10. Isaac, b. at Stonington, 21 March, 1800; m. Christana Richards.
11. Nathan, b. at Montville, 1802; m.

JOHN (2), b. 20 November, 1782, son of John Scholfield and Hannah Fox; married Betsey Comstock, b. 14 Aug., 1783, daughter of Nathan Comstock and Mary Rogers. He was a woolen manufacturer, and first settled at Colchester, where he started a factory for carding rolls. He next went to Jowett City, where he remained a few years and returned to Montville. He afterwards removed to Michigan, where he died.

## Children.

12. John, b. 14 Nov., 1804, at Montville; m. 1st, Hannah Byrant; 2d, Widow Almira Wingate.
13. Nathan, b. 14 April, 1806, at Montville; m. Betsey Taintor Hill.
14. Albert, b. 15 Dec., 1807, at Montville; m. 1st, Harriet N. Bolles; 2d, Harriet Chipman.
15. George, b. about 1814; died at Montville 24 Feb., 1836.
16. Eliza, b. about ———; m. ——— Brooks, and settled in California.

17. Joseph, b. about

17a. William, b. about ; m.

JAMES (3), b. 23 Sept., 1784, second son of John Scholfield and Hannah Fox; married Anna Comstock, b. 27 Jan., 1782, daughter of Daniel Comstock and Susan Newberry. He was a manufacturer, and first settled in Canterbury, Conn. He afterwards removed to Waterford, and then to Montville, where he died at an advanced age, Dec. 3, 1882, aged 98 years, 2 months, and 10 days. She died at Montville 11 June, 1858.

#### Children.

18. Mary, b. 11 Feb., 1807; died unm.

19. James, b. 22 June, 1808; died at Montville 26 Nov., 1888.

20. Susan, b. 21 Jan., 1811; died at Montville 17 Jan., 1890.

21. Joseph, b. 8 April, 1812; died unm.

22. Hannah, b. 24 Aug., 1813; died young.

23. Samuel, b. 10 Nov., 1815; died young.

24. Phineas, b. 17 Oct., 1817; m. 1st, Frances Maples; 2d, Happy K. Chapman.

25. Harriet, b. 17 Oct., 1819; m. ——— Bates.

26. Elizabeth, b. 16 Jan., 1822; m. John B. Rogers; 2d wife.

MARY (4), b. 4 Feb., 1787, daughter of John Scholfield and Hannah Fox; m. Thomas Hinkley of Stonington, Conn. He was a farmer, and resided at Stonington, where he died ———. She died at Stonington 23 May, 1882, aged 95 years, 3 months, 19 days.

#### Children.

27. Mary Ann, b. 9 Oct., 1811; m. Jesse Beebe.

28. Thomas S., b. 22 Dec., 1813; m.

29. John S., b. 30 June, 1816; m. Angeline Jackson.

30. Charles Henry, b. 22 May, 1818; m. Jane Knight.

31. Hannah Maria, b. 21 Oct., 1820; m. 1st, Courtland P. Cheebro; 2d, Albert Cook.

- 32. Phala Malinda, b. 23 Dec., 1822; m. Captain James Dickens.
- 33. William R., b. 8 May, 1826; m.
- 34. Joseph H., b. 29 July, 1830; died young.

JOSEPH (5), b. 23 March, 1789, third son of John Scholfield and Hannah Fox; married Mercy Nowberry, b. 20 April, 1790, daughter of Nathan Newberry and Welthen (Green) Johnson. He was a manufacturer; settled first at Stonington, where he carried on the woolen business until 1834, when he removed to Montville, and started the manufacture of satinnet. He sold out the business to his sons, Charles and Arthur, about 1840. He afterwards bought a small farm near the old factory at Montville, on which he lived until the death of his wife, 27 July, 1863. Her death was caused by a fall from a wagon, which broke her hip, and she died of lockjaw. He died at Uncasville 12 March, 1869.

#### Children.

- 35. Joseph Arthur, b. 25 Nov., 1815; m. Eunice Vibber.
- 36. Charles Fox, b. 6 June, 1817; m. Phebe E. Winchester.
- 37. Edwin A., b. 8 March, 1819; m. 1st, Mary Andros; 2d, Celestina Morse.
- 38. John Fox, b. 7 Nov., 1820; m. Minerva Smith.
- 39. Benjamin F., b. 19 June, 1822; m. Mary J. Winchester.
- 40. Hannah F., b. 28 Dec., 1823; m. Henry A. Baker.
- 41. Almy Lester, b. 19 Feb., 1827; m. Thomas Lindsay.
- 42. Mary Jane, b. 29 Nov., 1829; m. Elisha Rogers.
- 43. Anson Smith, b. 11 Dec., 1831; m. Anna Eames.

II. THOMAS (6), b. 21 March, 1791, fourth son of John Scholfield and Hannah Fox; married Cynthia Ross, Aug., 1816. He was a woolen manufacturer. He made the first piece of satinnet manufactured by power loom in this State. He first settled at Waterford, Conn., in 1814, where he owned a small factory, which he afterwards sold. He built a house near the Baptist Church at Quaker Hill, where he lived until

about 1866, when he removed to Montville, where he lived until about 1882, when he removed to North Lyme, where he lived until his death, 13 Jan., 1892, aged 100 years, 9 months, and 23 days. His wife died at Waterford 12 March, 1866, aged 75 years.

#### Children.

- 44. Cynthia Ann, b. Aug., 1817; m. James Bingham.
- 45. Caroline M., b. 1822; died 9 Oct., 1825.
- 46. Martha Vincent, b. 29 Nov., 1829; m. P. M. Collins, and died 20 March, 1850.
- 47. William Henry, b. 1837; died 30 March, 1850.

II. BENJAMIN (8), b. 26 Jan., 1796, son of John Scholfield and Hannah Fox; m. 24 Jan., 1832, Caroline C. Hedden, b. at Stonington 9 Dec., 1796. He was first engaged in woolen manufacturing at Montville, with his brother-in-law, Harry Vincent, at the old Scholfield factory. He afterwards went to New Jersey and started a jenny, but remained there only a few months. He was very skillful in the construction of musical instruments, and played the cymbal with great exactness. He died 23 July, 1879. She died at Niantic, Conn., 14 Nov., 1865.

#### Child.

- 48. Ira, b. 15 Sept., 1837; m. Angelina W. Collins, 7 Oct., 1864. They had one daughter, Carrie, b. 13 Sept., 1866.

II. HANNAH (9), b. 26 Jan., 1798, daughter of John Scholfield and Hannah Fox; married Elias Strickland, b. 31 Oct., 1797. He was a farmer and settled at Waterford. She died there 10 Aug., 1871. He died 12 Feb., 1881.

#### Children.

- 49. Thomas Strickland, b. 23 Sept., 1823; died ———.
- 50. Hannah Frances Strickland, b. 9 Jan., 1832; m. 14 Oct., 1856, George Comstock, b. 25 Sept., 1836, son of Richard.

III. JOHN (12), b. 14 Nov., 1804, at Montville, son of John Scholfield and Betsey Comstock; married 1st; Hannah Bryant; 2d, Widow Almira Wingate. His first wife, to whom he was married 22 Sept., 1828, died 30 Aug., 1855. He was living at Greeneville in 1896.

Children by First Wife.

51. Oliver, b. 18 Oct., 1829; m. Mary Walden, 10 Oct., 1852.
52. Elizabeth, b. 26 July, 1831; m. John Kingsley in 1851.
53. John, b. 14 March, 1833; m. Widow Emma Young in 1859.
54. Joseph, b. 21 June, 1835.
55. Andrew, b. 27 May, 1837; m. Lovina Sterry, April, 1858.
56. Ira, b. 27 Oct., 1838; m. Catherine Olmsby, 5 Oct., 1856.
57. Julia, b. 25 April, 1840; m. Edward Goodspeed, 4 July, 1858.
58. Charles O., b. 17 Jan., 1842.
59. Isabella, b. 30 Dec., 1843; m. Elliot Goodwin in 1864.
60. Susan Sophia, b. 6 Nov., 1846; m. Charles Baldwin in 1866.

Children by Second Wife.

61. Harriet E., b. 2 March, 1858.
62. Frank, b. 2 June, 1860.
63. Fannie, twin to Frank.

III. NATHAN (13), b. 14 April, 1806, son of John Scholfield and Betsey Comstock; married 5 Sept., 1830, Betsey Hill, daughter of Charles Hill and Sybel Fox. He was in the early part of his life engaged in woolen manufacturing at Montville. He removed to Greeneville, Conn., where he built a house in which he lived until his death, 5 March, 1858. He was a machinist and civil engineer. He was the inventor of a regulator called "Scholfield's Regulator," which was in general use in cotton and woolen mills for many years. He was also the inventor of many other pieces of machinery. About



the year 1850 he went to California, and was surveyor of land in Oregon, where he bought land in the early settlement of that State. His wife was living at Montville in 1896.

#### Children.

- 64. Socrates, b. 12 June, 1831; m. Abby M. Smith.
- 65. Maria, b. 28 Aug., 1833; died 20 Oct., 1865.
- 66. Frances, b. 12 March, 1837; died 12 July, 1851.
- 67. Le Grand, b. 24 March, 1842; m. 1st, Anna H. Holmes, by whom he had three children. He married 2d, Emma Bradley.

III. ALBERT (14), b. 15 Dec., 1807, son of John Scholfield and Betsey Comstock; married 1st, Harriet N. Bolles, 29 Dec., 1836, daughter of Calvin Bolles and Hester Darrow. After the death of his wife, he married for his second, Harriet Chipman. He first settled at Montville, and afterwards at Providence, R. I., where he established a Commercial Academy and continued successfully until he became nearly blind, when he turned it over to his son-in-law, Alba Abbott. He was living at Providence in 1896.

#### Children.

- 68. Hester, b. 27 Feb., 1838; m. Alba Abbott.
- 69. Mary, b. 21 May, 1841.
- 70. Harriet, b. 1844; died in 1847.

III. JOSEPH ARTHUR (35), b. 25 Nov., 1815, son of Joseph Scholfield and Mercy Newberry; m. 27 Sept., 1835, Eunice C. Vibber, daughter of William Vibber and Elizabeth Lyon. He was a woolen manufacturer, and first settled in Montville. He, with his brother Charles, manufactured satinnet at the old Scholfield factory. He removed to Westerly, R. I., about 1850, where he was engaged in the woolen manufactory. He died at Westerly, 23 April, 1855. His widow afterwards married Alvin Burdick of Westerly. He died there ———. She was living there in 1896.

## Children.

- 71. William, b. 11 Oct., 1837. He was drowned in the Pawcatuck River, 4 Feb., 1852.
- 72. Elizabeth, b. 7 Nov., 1840; m. Charles L. Mann, 22 Feb., 1866. Had one son, Arthur, b. 18 Nov., 1866. He was drowned in Palmer Bros. pond in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 73. Joseph A., b. 8 July, 1843; m. Sarah F. Gardner, 2 Feb., 1866. Had one daughter, Ellen, b. 8 Dec., 1867.
- 74. Lucy Ann, b. 12 June, 1847; m. George C. Gardner, 20 Jan., 1866.
- 75. William, b. 17 July, 1850; m. Eliza J. Milner.
- 76. Eunice Ellen, b. 12 May, 1854; died 5 Aug., 1854.

III. EDWIN A. (37), b. 8 March, 1819, son of Joseph Scholfield and Mercy Newberry; m. 1st, Mary Andros, 26 Jan., 1843. She died 10 May, 1867. He then married, 22 April, 1868, Celestina L. Morse, daughter of Rev. Charles Morse. He was early in life engaged in the woolen manufactory. He afterwards was in the cotton business in Lowell, Mass., and finally settled in Westerly, where he was a photographer for many years. Was living at Westerly in 1896.

## Children.

- 77. Everett A., b. 8 Dec.; m. Leonora E. Ashly.
- 78. Edwin Delanoy, b. 25 April, 1847; m. Kate DeVoll.
- 79. Addison A., b. 5 Sept., 1853; m. Arlene Bugbee.
- 80. Alice C., b. 22 June, 1870.

III. JOHN FOX (38), b. 7 Nov., 1820, son of Joseph Scholfield and Mercy Newberry; m. Minerva Smith. He was trained in the woolen manufacturing business, and worked with his father at Montville until about 1841, when he went to Lowell, Mass., where he was engaged in the cotton manufactory. Afterwards he was superintendent at the Uncasville mill. He settled at Montville, where he was living in 1896. They had one daughter:

81. Estelle, b. ; died .

III. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (39), b. 19 June, 1822, son of Joseph Scholfield and Mercy Newberry; married 26 Dec., 1852, Mary Jane Winchester, daughter of Samuel Winchester and Mary Parker of Lowell, Mass. He was trained in the woolen manufactory, and worked with his father at Montville in the "old mill." Was afterwards a machinist. Went to California in 1849, where he remained about two years. Since 1865 he has been engaged in the manufacture of satinets at the "old mill."

#### Children.

82. Frank C., b. 9 Oct., 1861.

83. Jessie M., b. 19 April, 1867.

III. ANSON SMITH (43), b. 11 Dec., 1831, son of Joseph Scholfield and Mercy Newberry; married Anna E. Eames. He went to California in 1849, where he has since remained. They had one daughter:

84. Annie, b. May, 1862; m. Irving F. Moulton.

III. ALMY LESTER (41), daughter of Joseph Scholfield and Mercy Newberry; married 26 Oct., 1863, Thomas Lindsay. He was a paper manufacturer. Settled first at Montville, where he was manager of the Rockland Paper Mill until 1866. He afterwards removed to Brookville, Indiana, where he died, 21 Jan., 1895. They had one son:

85. Joseph, b. June, 1865; m. 1st, Mattie Moor; 2d, Lillie Kyser. He died 14 Jan., 1896, at Brookville, Ind.

III. HANNAH MARIA HINKLEY (31), b. 21 Oct., 1820, daughter of Thomas Hinkley and Mary Scholfield (4); married 19 Jan., 1840, Courtland P. Chesebro of Stonington. He died 22 Feb., 1847. She then married, 27 Sept., 1866, Albert Cook of Stonington.

## Children.

- 86. Courtland, b. 10 Oct., 1844; died 22 Feb., 1847.
- 87. Horace, b. 28 April, 1846; m. Ida Brightman, and had one daughter, Ida F., b. 19 Aug., 1875.
- 88. Eliza, b. 13 April, 1848; m. Charles S. Cook, and had one daughter, Mary H.
- 89. Thomas C., b. 1 Dec., 1849.
- 90. Joseph W., b. 17 Jan., 1852.

III. PHALA MALINDA HINKLEY (32), b. 23 Dec., 1822, daughter of Thomas Hinkley and Mary Scholfield (4); married 25 Jan., 1860, Captain James Dickens of Westerly, R. I. He was engaged in the seafaring business in the early part of his life. He lived at Westerly, where he died.

## Children.

- 91. Hannah May, b. 2 June, 1861.
- 92. Martha Ann, b. 27 Aug., 1862.
- 93. Hannah Frances, b. 20 Oct., 1863.

## ATWELL FAMILIES.

Benjamin Atwell first appears as an inhabitant of New London about the year 1663. He was constable of the town in 1675. No mention is made as to the time of his removal to New London, or to the place from which he came. He owned a house at New London, which he sold to Lieutenant John Stedman, previous to 1672. He died in 1683.

### Children.

2. Benjamin, b. about 1668; m. Mary ———.
3. Thomas, b. about 1670; m.
  - 3a. Mary, b. about 1672.
  - 3b. William, b. about 1674.
4. John, b. about 19 May, 1675, and was at Saybrook in 1712.
5. Joseph, b. 1678; m. and died without issue.
6. Richard, b. 1679; m. Elizabeth Baker.
7. Samuel, b. 23 April, 1681; m. 1st, Mary ———; 2d, Ruth Coz.

II. BENJAMIN (2), b. about 1668; m. Mary ———. He settled in the North Parish of New London as early as 1705. He, with his wife Mary, united with the church at New London, 29 June, 1711. He died previous to March, 1724, at which time his wife Mary was a widow, as appears by a deed of about one acre of land released to her by John Merritt, Joseph Bradford, Robert Denison, and Marcy Raymond. He died in 1723.

### Children.

8. Mary, b. 11 Oct., 1703; m. Jason Allen.
9. Benjamin, b. 24 July, 1707; probably died young.
10. Joseph, b. 26 June, 1710; m. Martha Comstock, 27 March, 1734.

II. RICHARD (6), b. 1679, son of Benjamin Atwell (1); m. 11 March, 1702, Elizabeth Baker, b. 9 May, 1676, daughter of Joshua Baker and Hannah (Tongue) Mintern. He settled in the North Parish of New London near to Oxboro Pond. He owned the farm which his heirs afterwards sold to Asahel Otis. His first wife died about 1709, and he afterwards married Joanna ———. He died 15 Oct., 1727.

Children by Elizabeth.

11. Richard, bap. April, 1702; died young.
12. Benjamin, bap. 14 July, 1706; died 3 May, 1708.
13. Elizabeth, bap. 24 April, 1709; m. William Chapel, 23 June, 1726.
14. Richard, b. 19 Oct., 1709; m. Nabby or Abigail ———.

Children by Joanna.

15. Joanna, b. 10 Aug., 1716; m. Samuel Bill, 27 Nov., 1740.
16. John, b. 19 Jan., 1718.
17. Benjamin, b. 18 Oct., 1719; m. Mercy Fox, 15 Aug., 1751.
18. Patience, b. 26 April, 1721.
19. Samuel, b. 8 June, 1723; m.

II. SAMUEL (7), b. 23 April, 1682, son of Benjamin Atwell (1); m. 1st, Mary ———; 2d, Ruth Coz, 19 June, 1726.

Children by Mary.

20. Sarah, b. ———; m. Philip Goff.
21. Hannah, b. ———; m. Ezekiel Chapel.
22. Thankful, b. ———; m. Ebenezer Williams.
23. Ann, b.
24. Jerusha, b. ———; m. Nathaniel Goff.

Children by Ruth.

25. Ruth, bap. 16 July, 1727.
26. Benjamin, bap. 8 Nov., 1730.

III. JOSEPH (10), b. 26 June, 1710, son of Benjamin Atwell (2); m. 27 March, 1734, Martha Comstock, born about 1715, daughter of Samuel Comstock and Martha Jones. After his death she married George Minard.

Children.

27. Benjamin, b. about 1735; m. Mary Ann Lee, daughter of Benjamin Lee of Lyme.  
 28. Joseph, b. about 1740; m. Lucretia Atwell.

III. RICHARD (14), b. 19 Oct., 1709, son of Richard Atwell (6); married Abigail ———. He settled on the farm formerly owned and occupied by his father. After his death the farm was sold to Asahel Otis by the heirs. His wife died ———. His will was probated 9 Nov., 1807, about which time he died.

Children.

29. Richard, b.  
 30. William, b.  
 31. Phebe, b. ; m. ——— Griswold.  
 32. Lucy, b.  
 33. Nancy, b.  
 34. Abigail, b.  
 35. Cynthia, b.

IV. JOSEPH (28), b. about 1740, son of Joseph Atwell (10); m. 8 Feb., 1769, Lucretia, his second cousin, b. 19 Nov., 1749, daughter of Samuel Atwell and Mary ———. He settled in Montville on Dolbeare Hill. Was a farmer. He died about 1800. His wife survived him, and died 26 Oct., 1851, aged 102 years nearly. The day after she had completed her century of years, a party of neighbors and friends made her a donation visit, carrying with them provisions for several days' supply, and spreading a bountiful table, at which she sat with her guests, and partook of a thanksgiving dinner. In the center of the table was placed a pie, designed to be as much beyond the common size as she was older than the common age

of her sex. The aged mother enjoyed the feast like one that had renewed their youth, declaring with animation that though she had lived a hundred years, and had seen a vast number of things, she had never before seen so large a mince pie, nor so many kind friends together. The aged pilgrim had always led a quiet country life, living in a plain and frugal manner, and devoting her days and years to simple household duties. She was esteemed by her neighbors for her kindness, and thankful spirit for kind returns, possessing a Christian hope of immortal life.

At this time a stranger would have estimated her age as about eighty-five. Her motions were quick, her replies to questions prompt and intelligent, her memory retentive, and showed large observation of incidents and narratives. Being questioned by one of her visitors in regard to the French war, which terminated in 1763, she spoke of it as a thing of but yesterday. She had a vivid recollection of the coming home of her friends and neighbors from campaigns in the war, and particularly of the return of her uncle, Benjamin Atwell, who had been absent a long time, "soldering agin the French in Canada." For the last fifty years of her life, she and her daughter, Nancy Thompson, had lived together in the old house, where she first went to housekeeping, and where she died.

#### Children.

36. Charles, b. about 1770.

37. Nancy, b. ; died unm.

III. SAMUEL (19), b. 8 June, 1723; married Mary, (probably) Leach. He settled at Montville, and for many years lived on a farm in Mohegan, which he had leased. He died previous to 1776.

#### Children.

38. Lucretia, b. 19 Nov., 1749; m. Joseph Atwell (28).

39. Mima, b. ; died unm.

40. Mary, b. ; died unm.



- 41. Susan, b.
- 42. Jason, b. ; m. ——— Williams.
- 43. Samuel, b. May, 1755; m. Betsey Vibber.
- 44. Jehu, b. . Moved to the State of New York.
- 45. Delight, b. 1771. Had one son, Thomas Jeffer-  
son, who died unm.

IV. BENJAMIN (27), b. 1735, son of Joseph Atwell (10); m. Mary Ann, daughter of Benjamin Lee of Lyme. He lived on the farm afterwards sold to Dr. Ephraim Fellows. He died 12 May, 1806. His will was probated 16 May, 1806.

#### Children.

- 46. Lucinda, b. ; m. ——— Latimer.
- 47. George, b. ; m. ———. Was a Free Will  
Baptist minister.
- 48. Joseph, b. 29 Feb., 1768; m. Ruth P. Sterling.
- 49. Hannah, b. . ; m. ——— Tenant.

IV. SAMUEL (43), b. May, 1755, son of Samuel Atwell (19); m. Betsey Vibber, b. 31 Aug., 1774, daughter of Nathaniel Vibber. He was a farmer, and lived on an Indian farm at Mohegan. He died 26 Nov.; 1850. She died 8 April, 1859.

#### Children.

- 50. Samuel Hazzard, b. 7 Jan., 1814; m. Harriet Church,  
and had one daughter, Henrietta, b. 18 April, 1846.

V. JOSEPH (48), b. 29 Feb., 1768, son of Benjamin Atwell and Mary Ann Lee; married 1792, Ruth P. Sterling, b. Oct., 1773. He removed from Montville to Hebron, Conn., about 1800; thence to Chenango County, N. Y., in 1809; settled at Pharsalia, N. Y., where he died 26 March, 1843. She died there July, 1861.

#### Children.

- 51. Lydia, b. 1793 at Montville; died in 1795.
- 52. Eliza, b. 1795 at Montville; m. Henry Coggsall, 1814.

53. James, b. 1797, at Montville; m. Fanny Frink, 1816.
54. Joseph, b. 1799, at Montville; died in 1800.
55. Mary Ann, b. 1802, at Hebron, Conn.; m. Elias Widger; died in 1887.
56. Daniel Lee, b. 1804, at Hebron, Conn; m. Mehitabel June; died in 1878.
57. Benjamin, b. 1806, at Hebron, Conn.; m. Ruth Sage; died in 1893.
58. William Ross, b. 1811, at Pharsalia, N. Y.; died in 1836.
59. Onesimus M., b. 1813, at Pharsalia, N. Y.; m. Hannah Coakley, 1838; living in 1896 at Hoboken, N. J.
60. Caroline Ruth, b. 1816, at Pharsalia, N. Y.; m. William Sage; died in 1866.

VI. JAMES (53), the Itinerant, b. Jan. 11, 1797, Montville, Conn.; died Feb. 7, 1860, Theresa, N. Y. Moved to Pharsalia, N. Y., with his father's family, 1809. In early years was a farmer. Became an itinerant Methodist minister, 1826, upon the Chenango circuit. Superannuated 1857. Agent for the Jefferson Co. (N.Y.) Bible Society, 1859. Died at home of his son, Joseph. Buried at Chittenango, N. Y.; married Fanny Frink, Sept. 8, 1816, of Stonington, Conn. (b. 1796; died 1864, at Chittenango, N. Y.).

#### Children.

61. George Benjamin, farmer, b. 1817, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died 1890, Lowville, N. Y. See xv.
62. Francis Fellows, business man, b. 1818, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died 1888, Knoxville, Tenn.; buried at Chittenango, N. Y.; unnm.; Cazenovia Sem., 1838; Manlius Acad.; A. B. Hamilton Coll., 1845; teacher several years and business man many years in Knoxville, Tenn.; influential Presbyterian; Union man. When Knoxville fell into the hands of the Confederates, he escaped North through the mountains, traveling by night on foot. He lived many years at home of Hon. Perez Dickinson. See Knoxville papers of May 29-30, 1888.
63. Hannah Maria, b. 1820, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died 1848, Danby, N. Y.; Cazenovia Seminary, 1837; m. Charles Hill, 1844; one child.

64. Joseph, business man, b. 1822, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died 1892, Watertown, N. Y.
65. Fanny Eliza, b. 1827, Guilford, N. Y.; died 1896, Chittenango, N. Y.; Cazenovia Sem., 1855; taught in Chittenango, Vernon, and Clarkville, N. Y. Her house became the home center for this family. Last family reunion was held there in July, 1886, when the four brothers were present with this sister. "She was a person of queenly dignity, yet modest and self-forgetful;" m. Ambrose E. Gorton, 1855. Child, Fannie Eva, b. June 8, 1858 (Mrs. I. B. A. Taylor of Middletown, N. Y.), who has two children, Gorton Taylor, b. 1884; and Allen Atwell Taylor, b. 1892; graduate of Cazenovia Seminary.
66. James Sterling, merchant, b. 1831, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died 1888, Syracuse, N. Y.

VI. DANIEL LEE (56), b. Apr. 7, 1804, Hebron, Conn.; died April, 1878, California; third son of Joseph, the blacksmith-farmer; m. Mehitabel June, Oct., 1825.

#### Children.

67. Alexander B., b. ; physician.
68. Allen Jeffroy, b. 1836, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died 1890, Visalia, Cal.

VI. BENJAMIN (57), b. May 12, 1806, at Hebron, Conn.; died Mar. 26, 1893, at Waupun, Wis.; m. Ruby Sage, June, 1829.

#### Child.

69. Orville M., b. June 14, 1830, at New Berlin, N. Y.; m. 1st, Julia A. Boiden, 1851; 2d, Ada Mather, 1888; no children.

VI. ONESIMUS M. (59), b. June 10, 1813, Pharsalia, N. Y.; at present living with his adopted son, Dr. David R. Atwell, at Hoboken, N. J.; married Hannah Coakley, 1838, daughter of John Coakley, a soldier of the Revolution.

## Children.

- 70. Louise, died at 5 years.
- 71. Oscar M., b.                   ; died Jan. 4, 1863; enlisted in 1861; wounded in Battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; died in Leucon hospital.

VII. GEORGE BENJAMIN (61), farmer, oldest son of James the Itinerant; b. July 4, 1817, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died Sept. 7, 1890, at Martinsburg, N. Y.; m. Mary Ann Peck, Nov., 1838, daughter of Rev. Luther Peck.

## Children.

- 72. George Wesley, b. Feb., 1840; died July 31, 1862, at Manassas Junction; enlisted Nov., 1861, in 8th N. Y. Cavalry, Co. H.; died of fever in army hospital.
- 73. Wilber, b. 1842; died Aug. 3, 1844.
- 74. Sophia Jane, b. Sept., 1845; resides at Martinsburg, N. Y.
- 75. William James, b. June 11, 1847; farmer, at Martinsburg, N. Y.; m. Nettie Brown, Nov. 20, 1889; one child, Florence C., b. Feb. 6, 1891.
- 76. Francis Emory, b. 1852; farmer, Martinsburg, N. Y.; m. Ella F. Taylor, Dec. 21, 1873; one child, Vercy Genevive, b. Apr. 26, 1886.
- 77. Anna Maria, b. 1853; m. William O. LaVauchard; no children.

VII. JOSEPH (64), business man; third son of James, the Itinerant; b. Nov. 12, 1822, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died Dec. 5, 1892, Watertown, N. Y.; educated at Manlius Academy; merchant in Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1848; Supervisor, 1860; state commissioner of Public Accounts, Albany, N. Y., 1862; insurance man, 1866-1879; deputy collector U. S. customs, 1879-1887; active official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years; married Mary Beach of Barker, N. Y., Apr. 14, 1853, daughter of Charles Brewster Beach; she was at Cazenovia Seminary, 1852; she now resides at Chaumont, N. Y.

## Children.

- 78. Charles Beach, b. Apr. 11, 1855, Theresa, N. Y.
- 79. Joseph, b. June 7, 1858, Theresa, N. Y.
- 80. William Groo, b. May 9, 1863, Theresa, N. Y.

VII. JAMES STERLING (66), merchant; youngest son of James, the Itinerant; b. July 22, 1831, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died Apr. 24, 1888, Syracuse, N. Y.; merchant 15 years in Chittenango, N. Y., and 16 years in Syracuse, N. Y.; married Sophia L. Osborn, 1856.

## Children.

- 81. James, b. Jan. 1, 1857, Chittenango, N. Y.
- 82. John, b. Oct. 8, 1862, Chittenango, N. Y.
- 83. Jeannette, b. Aug. 4, 1870, Chittenango, N. Y.; resides with her mother at Syracuse, N. Y.

ALEXANDER B. (67), physician; b.                   ; married Mary Bailey; resides at Visalia, Cal.

## Children.

- 84. Henrietta, b.                   ; deceased; m. John T. Brown.
- 85. Mary, b.                   ; died                   ; m. Theodore Stone.
- 86. Emma, b.                   ; m. W. L. Smith.
- 87. William, b.
- 88. Clara, b.                   ; deceased.

ALLEN JEFFREY (68), lawyer; b. Apr. 16, 1836, Pharsalia, N. Y.; died Nov. 21, 1890, at Visalia, Cal.; grad. Lawrence Univ., Wis.; district attorney, 1872; state assemblyman, 1882; married Mary M. Van Epps, Apr. 9, 1861.

## Children.

- 89. Mary, b. Jan. 10, 1862; m. F. M. Creighton, Feb. 25, 1883.
- 90. Martha, b. Sept. 1, 1863; died Oct. 18, 1864.
- 91. Arthur James, b. Nov. 30, 1865.

92. Helen M., b. Dec. 5, 1867; m. Guy Gilmer, Apr. 3, 1887.
93. Washington Irving, b. June 27, 1872.
94. Charles Clarence, b. May 18, 1875.
95. Allen Lee, b. Nov. 2, 1877.
96. Paul Francis, b. Nov. 28, 1879.
97. Ethel Pauline, b. Sept. 1, 1881.
98. Lizzetto B., b. May 9, 1884.

VIII. CHARLES BEACH (78), teacher; b. Apr. 11, 1855, Theresa, N. Y.; class of 1875, Watertown (N. Y.) high school; Ph.B. Syracuse University, 1879; Ph.M., 1881; taught in Lowville (N. Y.) Academy, 1879-80, and in Evanston, Ill., since 1880; appointed professor in Northwestern University, June, 1891; married Mary Josephine Kellogg of Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1883, daughter of Henry H. Kellogg.

#### Children.

99. Henry Kellogg, b. Oct. 22, 1884, Watertown, N. Y.
100. Francis Charles, b. Mar. 26, 1887, Evanston, Ill.
101. Ruth Sarah, b. Jan. 24, 1889, Evanston, Ill.
102. William Joseph, b. Oct. 13, 1892, Evanston, Ill.

VIII. JOSEPH (79), lawyer; b. June 7, 1858, Theresa, N. Y.; resides at Watertown, N. Y.; class of 1877, Watertown high school; admitted to the bar, 1881; city attorney, 1885-6; elected supervisor, 1887; chairman of the board of supervisors of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1893—; m. Lillian Doxtater Bond of Adams, N. Y., June 7, 1888.

#### Children.

103. Rosalind Bond, b. June 8, 1889, Adams, N. Y.
104. Gladys Stevens, b. Mar. 19, 1896, Watertown, N. Y.

VIII. WILLIAM GROO (80), minister; b. May 9, 1863, Theresa, N. Y.; resides at Chaumont, N. Y.; class of 1882 Watertown (N.Y.) high school; A.B. 1886, Syracuse University; A.M., 1888; B.D. from Garrett Biblical Institute,

Evanston, Ill., 1894; taught in Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, Kent's Hill, Me., 1886-7, and in Cazenovia (N. Y.) Seminary, 1887-1891; joined the northern N. Y. conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, 1893; pastor at Spragueville, N. Y., summer 1892; Bethany Chapel, Watertown, N. Y., winter 1892-3; Altinor, N. Y., summer 1893; Chaumont, N. Y., 1894—; married Mary Evelyn Peck, of Cortland, N. Y., Aug. 31, 1893, daughter of Andrew Peck.

#### Child.

105. Florence, b. Nov. 26, 1895, Chaumont, N. Y.

VIII. JOHN (82), insurance man; second son of James S. Atwell; b. Oct. 8, 1862; educated at Syracuse University; married Mary S. Farrar of Denver, Col., Jan. 14, 1891; resides at Syracuse, N. Y.

#### Children.

106. James Farrar, b. Jan. 21, 1892.  
 107. Harold Leon, b. Apr. 8, 1893.  
 108. John Spring, b. Apr. 18, 1896.

The Revolution records of Connecticut men show: Thomas Atwell was a member of the Sixth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, Fifth Company, under Col. Parsons; enlisted May 6, 1775; discharged Dec. 10, 1775. Thomas Atwell was a member of the Fourth Regiment, recruited mainly from Windham and New London counties, Conn. This company was at the battle of Germantown, and wintered at Valley Forge. He enlisted Apr. 20, 1778, for eight months, and was discharged Nov. 18, 1778. Thomas Atwell was a member of the Eighth Regiment from Connecticut; enlisted Sept. 10, 1780, and discharged Dec. 12, 1780. These were probably one and the same man, and doubtless a descendant of Benjamin Atwell, the constable, of New London. Miss Caulkins says that Thomas Atwell, second son of Benjamin, the constable, left descendants. The Thomas named above may have been one of them.

## AUSTIN FAMILIES.

Robert Austin was undoubtedly the founder of the family in Rhode Island, but very little can be found of him on the records, and he must have died previous to 1687. His name appears in a list of 65 persons, residents of Newport, Portsmouth, and Kingstown (of date Sept. 15, 1661), who were to have lots at the new settlement of Misquamicut (Westerly). Lot No. 12 fell to Robert Austin. He then lived at Kingstown, probably.

### Children.

2. Jeremiah, b. about 1665; m. Elizabeth ———.
3. Edward, b. ; m.
4. Joseph, b. ; m. Mary ———.
5. John, b. ; m. Mary ———.

II. JEREMIAH (2), b. about 1665, son of Robert Austin; married Elizabeth ———. In 1687, Sept. 6, he was taxed at Kingstown 1s. under the levy of Sir Edmund Andros, Governor of the Colonies. His will was proved March 6, 1754, and appoints his wife, Elizabeth, executrix. He calls himself "weak in body, and well stricken in years."

### Children.

6. Robert, b. about 1690; m. Hannah ———.
7. Parke, b. ; m. Margaret Sunderland, 25 Oct., 1725.
8. Jeremiah, b. ; m. Sarah ———.
9. David, b. ; m. Dinah ———.
10. Stephen, b. ; m. Mary Fish.
11. Mercy, b. ; m. Benoni Austin.
12. Daniel, b. ; m. Ann Baker, 9 April, 1732.
13. Ezekiel, b. ; m. ——— Champlin.



III. ROBERT (6), b. about 1690, son of Jeremiah Austin and Elizabeth ———; married Hannah ———. He removed from Kingstown to Westerly previous to 1716. Sept. 29, 1721, he bought of William and Ellen Davel three acres, more or less, at Westerly. He paid £15 for this parcel of land, and the deed calls him "Cordwainer." Jan. 16, 1745, he bought of George Ninigret, "Chief Sachem of the Narragansett Indians," one hundred and thirty acres in Charlestown for £270. He appears to have lived for twenty-three years on his three-acre piece at Westerly, pursuing his occupation as shoemaker, and then purchased the larger tract. He died in 1752. She died before that date.

#### Children.

14. Robert, b. ———; m. ———.
15. Jeremiah, b. about 1730; m. Margaret Congdon.

III. EZEKIEL (13), b. ———, son of Jeremiah Austin and Elizabeth ———; m. ——— Champlin. He was a resident of North Kingstown, R. I. No record of his death can be found, and very little is known of him.

#### Children.

16. Jeremiah, b. about 1749.
17. Ezekiel, b. ———.
18. Stephen, b. ———; m. Deborah Johnson.
19. William, b. ———.
20. Elizabeth, b. ———.
21. Joanna, b. ———.

IV. STEPHEN (18), b. ———, son of Ezekiel Austin and ——— Champlin; married 7 Feb., 1775, Deborah Johnson. He was a resident of Westerly, R. I.

#### Children.

22. Stephen Champlin, b. 6 June, 1776; m. Delia Hall.
23. Lucy A., b. 8 Dec., 1778; died young.

- 24. Ezekiel, b. 30 Dec., 1781.
- 25. Amy, b. 25 Jan., 1785.
- 26. Pardon, b. 20 Aug., 1788.
- 27. Thomas, b. 15 April, 1790.
- 28. Susanna, b. 28 Dec., 1792.

V. STEPHEN CHAMPLIN (22), b. 6 June, 1776, son of Stephen Austin and Deborah Johnson; married Delia Hall, b. 17 May, 1777. They were residents of Westerly, R. I. He died 5 Sept., 1849. She died 17 July, 1848.

Children.

- 29. Thomas, b. ; m.
- 30. Sally, b.
- 31. Deborah, b.
- 32. Stephen, b.
- 33. Ezekiel, b. 23 Dec., 1808; m. Susan Douglass.
- 34. William, b. ; died at Montville.

VI. EZEKIEL (33), b. 23 Dec., 1808, son of Stephen Austin and Delia Hall; married 11 March, 1836, Susan Douglass, born at Waterford 16 July, 1813, daughter of Elisha A. Douglass and Margaret Dart. She was a sister to Oliver W. Douglass, who for many years held the office of Justice of the Peace in the town of Montville, and a member of the Board of Health.

Deacon Austin was a stone cutter, and lived for a time near Rope Ferry, in Waterford, and worked in the granite quarry. In 1844 he purchased a farm in the southern part of the town, which he afterwards sold, and bought the "Parthenia Thompson" farm, near Oxoboxo pond, where he lived until his death. He was deacon of the Union Baptist church, a devoted and exemplary Christian. He died respected and beloved, 21 May, 1894. She died 24 March, 1895.

Children.

- 35. Emily D., b. 20 March, 1837; m. Henry E. Dart.
- 36. Elisha C., b. 21 Aug., 1838; m. Susan Brown.

37. John M., b. 27 Jan., 1842; m. Jane Brand.
38. Jane E., b. 24 Feb., 1844; m. John Rudd.
39. Lucy Ann, b. 17 Feb., 1849; died 4 Sept., 1851.
40. Frederick T., b. 29 June, 1851; died 10 Oct., 1855.
41. Frank E., b. 1 May, 1856; m. Susan Swan.
42. Anna Lizzie, b. 28 March, 1859; m. Frederick W.  
Hooper.

## SMITH FAMILIES.

The Smith families in this country are very numerous, and have had their origin from many different American ancestors.

This name is the most frequent of any in New England, and, perhaps, in the United States. It had furnished two hundred and fourteen graduates at the different colleges in New England and New Jersey in 1825, one-fourth of whom have been clergymen.

There have been five different families who were settlers in this town previous to 1800, bearing the name of Smith, whose lineage is traced to as many different ancestors, whose settlements date back to the earliest settlers in this country.

To trace the lineage of these families back through the mass of names, many of which are the same, is a very difficult and perplexing task to a genealogist, and he often has to abandon the search in disgust.

A few of the names who have been residents in Montville can, however, be traced to the first American ancestor; the others can only be connected with a few remote generations.

Ebenezer Smith appears to have located in Montville about the middle of the eighteenth century, at a place called Pomechange, now called Massapeag. He was son of James Smith of Groton. In 1741 James Smith of Groton conveys, by deed of gift, one hundred acres of land to his son, Ebenezer, "on the brook that comes out of Lakes Pond." This farm was located in the western part of New London, on the road that leads from New London to Colchester, and now in the town of Waterford. This farm was afterwards conveyed by Samuel and Ebenezer Smith to Philip Cavarly of Colchester in 1750. (See land records of New London.)

On March 17, 1749-50, Samuel Holmes of New London

conveyed to Ebenezer Smith of New London a tract of land at Poundcham, containing about fifty acres, bounded, "East by the river : Thames :. Adjoining land of Peregreen Gardner on the West, and near to a spring that comes out from under a ledge adjoining Samuel Avery's fence." The same year, Feb. 15th, Thomas Bill conveyed to Ebenezer Smith twenty-five acres, adjoining his former purchase, being land, as Thomas Bill says, "he purchased of Stephen Gardner."

Ebenezer Smith was a shoemaker. He was twice married. The name of his first wife cannot be ascertained. His second wife was Lucy Hatch. He was married to his first wife previous to his removal to Massapeag.

There is no record of either his death or that of his wives. He probably died previous to 1800. An old account book, in which he made charges for work done and other business transactions, is now in the possession of a great-grandson, Marvin Almon Smith. In this old account book is the following entry:

"William Prince Dr. to Ebenezer Smith. January 12, 1771. To making 2 pr. Shoes, £0.5s 0d; To making Shoes, 6d; To making 3 pr. Shoes, 7s 6d; To 3 pr. heels, 6d."

Ebenezer Smith had a brother, Samuel, who lived on the east side of the river Thames, now Ledyard, who was a tanner and currier, and who furnished the leather used by Ebenezer in making and repairing shoes. In the old account book are credits from time to time for leather furnished by Samuel Smith.

#### Children by First Wife.

2. Benjamin, b. 1746; m. 1st, Susan Lewis; 2d, Nancy Morris.
3. Ebenezer, b. 16 Mch., 1748; m. Margaret Wheeler.
4. Anna, b. 13 Dec., 1749; m. Ephraim Wheeler.
5. Sarah, b. 17 Feb., 1751.
6. Elizabeth, b. 21 Feb., 1754; died unmarried.
7. Perygreen, b. 23 June, 1756.

8. John, b. 27 April, 1760; m. Lydia Amcs.
9. James, b. 26 April, 1762; m. ——— Weeks.
10. Eunice, b. 8 July, 1764; m. Oliver Williams.

## Children by Lucy.

11. Daniel, b. 20 Aug., 1769; m. 1st, ——— Wait; 2d, Abby Hempstead.
12. Stephen, b. 9 April, 1772; m. Lucy Allyn.
13. Naomi, b. 2 Sept., 1774.
14. Susanna, b. 18 Feb., 1777.
15. Lucy, b. 24 Nov., 1780.

BENJAMIN (2), b. about 1746, son of Ebenezer Smith and ———; married 1st, Susan Lewis, 2d, Nancy Morris, b. about 1770. He was a farmer, settled first in Groton, opposite Montville, and may afterwards have returned to Montville. He died 20 March, 1836. His children were all by his first wife.

## Children.

16. Benjamin, b. about 1775; m. Rebecca Morris.
17. Asa, b. ———; m. Kesiah Parish.
18. Sally, b. ———; m. Prentice Adams.
19. Susan, b. ———; m. Andrew Bill.
20. Polly, b. ———; m. John Williams.
21. Lizzie, b. ———; m. Henry McNeil.

EBENEZER (3), b. 16 March, 1748, son of Ebenezer Smith and ———; m., about 1770, Margaret Wheeler. He lived at Massapeag, a farmer. He died 16 May, 1827. She died 9 Dec., 1822, aged 79 years.

## Children.

22. Ebenezer, b. about 1770; m. Hannah Adams.
23. Seth, b. about 1772; m. Mercy Wheeler.
24. Ransford, b. about 1773; died a young man.
25. Mercy, b. about 1775; died 21 Jan., 1839, unm.
26. Margaret, b. about 1777; died 18 July, 1848, unm.
27. Roxanna, b. about 1780; m. John Tuttle.
28. Miranda, b. about 1787; died 30 Jan., 1856.

JOHN (8), b. 27 April, 1760, son of Ebenezer Smith and  
 ; married about 1783, Lydia Ames, born about  
 1763. He lived at Massapeag. A farmer. He died 2 Feb.,  
 1852, age 92 years. She died 25 Oct., 1854, age 91 years.

#### Children.

29. Marvin, b. 18 Nov., 1784; m. 1st, Anna Newton; 2d,  
 Sybel Morgan.
30. John, b. ; m. Nancy Bolles.
31. Alvin G., b. 18 June, 1800; m. Nancy Ames.
32. Lyman, b. 22 March, 1803; m. Emeline Fanning.
33. Nancy, b. ; m. Micajah Davis.
34. Betsey, b. ; m. Nathan Palmer Coats.

DANIEL (11), b. 29 Aug., 1767, son of Ebenezer Smith  
 and Lucy Hatch; m. 1st, ——— Wait; 2d, Abby Hempstead,  
 20 Nov., 1777, dau. of Ebenezer Hempstead. He lived first  
 at Massapeag, on the farm he bought of Nathaniel Bradford  
 in 1803, containing 86 acres, covering the ground now owned  
 by the Kittermaug Association. After his death, 9 Oct., 1818,  
 his half-brother, Marvin, purchased this farm and erected a  
 new house. He died of lockjaw. She died 25 June, 1867.

#### Children by First Wife.

35. Wait, b. ; m. Susan Chapman.
36. Mary, b. ; m. Abel Richards.

#### Children by Abby.

37. Hiram, b. about 1807; m. Mary E. Chapel; she died 27  
 Feb., 1854. He died 1 April, 1890.
38. Peter, b. about 1812; m. Jerusha A. Root. He died 16  
 Sept., 1879. She died 27 Sept., 1889.
39. Albert, b. ; m. .
40. Jerusha, b. ; m. 1st, James Chapel; 2d, Jesse  
 Comstock.
41. Amy, b. about 1811; m. Samuel Latimer.
42. Caroline, b. ; m. Austin Fuller.

STEPHEN (12), b. 9 April, 1772, son of Ebenezer Smith and Lucy Hatch; m. Lucy Allyn 25 May, 1803, born 16 May, 1778, dau. of Thomas Allyn and Bathsheba Stoddard. She died at Montville 16 April, 1847. He died 19 June, 1864, age 92 years.

Children.

- 43. Allyn, b. 20 April, 1805; removed to the State of N. Y.
- 44. Sanford, b. 28 Jan., 1807; m. Sarah Tare.
- 45. Cynthia, b. 16 Feb., 1809; living at Uncasville in 1896, unmarried.
- 46. Cephas, b. 25 July, 1810; died 29 Oct., 1819.
- 47. Thomas N., b. 26 June, 1812; died 29 Aug., 1830.
- 48. Sophia, b. 24 April, 1814; m. George May.
- 49. Robert, b. 28 Feb., 1816; died 31 Dec., 1837.
- 50. Lucy Maria, b. 5 June, 1818; m. George White.

BENJAMIN (16), b. about 1775, son of Benjamin Smith and Susan Lewis; m. Rebecca Morris, b. 1774. He was a farmer. Settled in Montville, lived near the old Rogers Saw-Mill on Stony Brook. His farm was afterwards occupied by his son-in-law, Charles L. Whaley. He died 18 Feb., 1857. She died 19 Dec., 1863, age 89 years.

Children.

- 51. Susan, b. 22 Aug., 1801; m. John C. Maples.
- 52. Almira, b. about 1806.
- 53. Emma, b. about 1813; m. Charles L. Whaley.

ASA (17), b. ———, son of Benjamin Smith and Susan Lewis; married about 1796, Kesiah Parish, dau. of Elijah Parish and Marian Baker.

Children.

- 54. Nancy, b. 3 July, 1797.
- 55. Elijah, b. 26 May, 1801.
- 56. William, b. 9 April, 1804.
- 57. Asa, b. 4 Sept., 1806; m. Marinda Smith.



EBENEZER (22), b. about 1770, son of Ebenezer Smith and Margaret Wheeler; married 10 Oct., 1793, Hannah Adams.

Children.

- 58. Lorinda, b. 17 Jan., 1794.
- 59. Amy, b. 31 Jan., 1802; m. Stephen Maples, 1st wife.
- 60. Ransford, b. 29 Nov., 1804.
- 61. Roxanna, b. 1806.
- 62. Phoebe, b. about 1808; m. Stephen Maples, 2d wife.

SETH (23), b. about 1772, son of Ebenezer Smith and Margaret Wheeler; married Mercy Wheeler, dau. of Jeremiah Wheeler.

Children.

- 63. Seth, b. ; m. Nancy Ross.
- 64. Miranda, b. 10 Oct., 1807; m. Asa Smith.
- 65. Jane, b. ; m. Sherwood Fitch, 1st wife.
- 66. Abby, b. ; m. Daniel Ayers.
- 67. Aurelia, b. ; died unmarried.
- 68. Alfred, b. ; died unmarried.

MARVIN (29), b. 18 Nov., 1784, son of John Smith and Lydia Ames; married, in 1812, Anna Newton, born in 1784. She died 24 Dec., 1843. He then married, in 1845, Sybel Morgan, born in 1796. Mr. Smith was born at Massapeag, where he has always lived. His whole life was spent along the river. In his younger days he was a ship carpenter, sometimes employed at the yard in New London, at other times at Norwich, and various points along the river. His late residence was on the west bank of the Thames River, directly opposite Allyn's Point. The Kittermaug Association Club House is located on land conveyed to the Association by Mr. Smith. It is a beautiful spot; a grove of rare beauty surrounds their commodious edifice, the grounds sloping towards the river, and extends to its banks. On this spot of land and near to the river, in a clump of rocks on the bank which rises several feet above the water, is the "Chair of Uncas," so often men-

tioned by the press, and in which Uncas is said to have secreted himself when pursued by his enemies. This chair, as it is called, was formed by a natural recess in the rocks extending from near the water's edge several feet back into the ledge, and open towards the river.

Mr. Smith lived a very quiet life, and was greatly respected by all. He was honest and conscientious in all his dealings, a good Methodist, and a large contributor towards the support of the ministry of the Methodist Church at Uncasville, of which he was a devoted member. He died 31 March, 1887, at the advanced age of 102 years, 4 months, and 13 days. His second wife survived him, and died in 1895, aged 98 years, 5 months, and 14 days.

#### Children.

- 69. Betsey Diantha, b. 29 Aug., 1815; m. David Corning.
- 70. Marvin Almon, b. 13 Oct., 1817; m. 1st, Lydia H. Chapman, dau. of Charles Chapman of New London, April, 1863, and had one dau., Lydia Henrietta, b. 5 March, 1864. His wife died soon after the birth of the child, and he married for his second wife, Frances Almira Smith, b. 30 Aug., 1831, dau. of Joseph Smith and Eliza Fanning, and had Wallace Almon, b. 24 Nov., 1868, and Marvin Elliott, b. 26 Dec., 1872.
- 71. Lydia Ursula, b. 8 July, 1820.
- 72. Frances Manette, b. 31 July, 1823.

ALVIN G. (31), b. 18 June, 1800, son of John Smith and Lydia Ames; married 29 Oct., 1826, Nancy Ames, dau. of Jonathan Ames and Betsey Douglass. He was a farmer and resided at Massapeag. He held the office of justice of the peace for many years. A man of sound judgment, and was considered well qualified to try cases and give advice in matters in dispute. He died 16 Dec., 1891. She died 9 May, 1891.

## Children.

- 73. Eunice E., b. 18 Dec., 1828; m. Charles Brown.
- 74. John, b. 23 Jan., 1832; died 9 June, 1839.
- 75. Laura L., b. 27 Jan., 1836; m. Elisha Maples.
- 76. Sarah S., b. 24 Oct., 1841; m. Jedediah R. Gay, 2d.
- 77. John C., b. 23 May, 1845; m. Laura Chapel.

LYMAN (32), b. 22 March, 1803, son of John Smith and Lydia Ames; married, in 1828, Emeline Fanning, dau. of Henry Fanning and Lovina Standish. He was a farmer. His farm adjoined that of his brother, Alvin G., at Massapeag. He lived a quiet and peaceable life and died 27 May, 1890. She died 5 Sept., 1861.

## Children.

- 78. Henry Austin, b. 27 June, 1834; m. Harriet Mitchell.
- 79. Julia E., b. 5 March, 1840; m. John T. O'Brien.

ASA (57), b. 4 Sept., 1806, son of Asa Smith and Desire Parish; married Marinda Smith, b. 10 Oct., 1807, dau. of Seth Smith and Mercy Wheeler. He died at Montville 10 Oct., 1851.

## Children.

- 80. William P., b. 1 Dec., 1835.
- 81. Seth Chester, b. 16 Jan., 1837; m. 1st, Almira Maple;  
2d, Ann Eliza Church.
- 82. Harriet, b. 26 Jan., 1839; m. Azel Fitch Champlin.
- 83. Edwin, b. 10 Oct., 1841; living in 1896, unm.
- 84. Delea, b. ; died , unm.

## OTHER SMITH FAMILIES.

Joseph Smith came from Groton to Montville about 1764, and purchased land on Saw-mill Brook, in the vicinity of Palmertown, now so called, on which he erected a dwelling house and a fulling mill. Mr. Smith was born in Groton, Conn., 25 Dec., 1735, son of Johnathan, or Jonathan, Smith (2), and grandson of Johnathan (1). He served in the French and Indian Wars. Was at the battle of Ticonderoga, 6 July, 1758. He returned to his home in Stonington 30 Sept., 1758, as appears by a letter written by himself to some friend, giving a report of his travels during his absence from home, which report is in the possession of his great-grandson, Welcome A. Smith of Norwich, Conn.

JOSEPH SMITH, m. 25 March, 1762, Zerviah Breed, b. 23 Oct., 1741, dau. of Allen and Ann Breed of Stonington, Conn. He died at Montville 1 Nov., 1816, age 80 years, 10 months, 7 days. She died 9 June, 1823, age 81 years, 7 months, 26 days.

### Children.

2. Zerviah, b. 17 Nov., 1763, at Stonington; m. Benajah Davis.
3. Joseph, b. 6 July, 1766, at New London, now Montville.
4. Amy, b. 12 Mch., 1769; m. Stephen Bishop.
5. Betsey, b. 16 Oct., 1771; m. Gersham Palmer.
6. Ezra, b. 6 Mch., 1775.
7. Hannah, b. 9 Feb., 1778; m. Stephen Roy.
8. George Washington, b. 5. Aug., 1780.
9. Abel, b. 1 April, 1785; m. Lydia Palmer.

ABEL (9), b. 1 April, 1785, son of Joseph Smith and Zerviah Breed; m. at Preston, 6 April, 1808, Lydia Palmer, b. 5 April, 1789, dau. of Gershom Palmer and Zerviah Pal-

mer. He settled at Montville, a farmer and cotton manufacturer. He occupied the place which formerly belonged to his father, and on which the Rockland Paper Mill is now located. He died 30 Dec., 1843. She died 6 Aug., 1864.

#### Children.

10. Allen Breed, b. 6 May, 1811; m.
11. Benjamin Alvah, b. 17 Nov., 1812; m. ——— Wheeler.
12. Mary, b. 27 Aug., 1817; m. Jerome Palmer.
13. Amy, b. 10 May, 1820; m. Elias Browning.
14. John Wightman, b. 20 Dec., 1821; m.
15. Jacob Benton, b. 13 May, 1823; died 9 Feb., 1840, from lockjaw.

NATHAN SMITH became an inhabitant of the North Parish of New London about 1759, at which time he bought a tract of land of Noah Hammond, and is the same land afterwards occupied by his son, John Smith, later by John Fellowes. The mansion house that Nathan Smith is supposed to have built is still standing, and in excellent repair, having been much improved by the Hon. Francis Fellowes of Hartford, and occupied by him as a summer residence. After his death the dwelling-house and garden was sold to John C. Dolbear.

Nathan Smith was married previous to his removal to Montville. He is supposed to have come from Lyme, born about 1723, and is supposed to have descended from the Lyme families of Smiths. He, with his wife, Elizabeth, united with the church in the latter part of Rev. David Jewett's pastorate. He had been a member of Rev. Mr. Griswold's church. He was a tanner and currier, and, after his death, the business was carried on by his son, John Smith. His wife, Elizabeth, died 29 June, 1776, aged 47 years. He then married for his second wife Anna ———. She died 24 May, 1807, in the 83d year of her age. He died 7 January, 1809, in the 86th year of his age.

It is said that he had fourteen children, three sons and eleven daughters; their names have not all been recovered.

NATHAN SMITH HOUSE.





1st, Elizabeth, m. Dr. Caulkins; 2d, Esther, m. Jesse Beckwith; they were the grandparents of Elias H. Beckwith of Norwich; 3d, Nathan; 4th, Nancy; 5th, Belinda; 6th, John; 7th, Mary; 8th, Benjamin; 9th, Caroline, who is said to have been the youngest child.

There is a little romance attached to the history of Caroline, the youngest child of Nathan Smith, which may be interesting to some who may not have heard of it, if here related.

Mr. Nathan Smith, like many other Puritans of his time, had a large family, and "ruled well his own house." Among his employes in the tannery business was a man by the name of Whipple, who had a son, Lemuel, a bright, intelligent youth, about the age of Caroline, "Square" Smith's youngest daughter. She was an attractive girl of twenty years at this time. Young Lemuel Whipple soon became attached to Caroline, who reciprocated his affections, and the mutual love culminated in their desire to become one. But when marriage was proposed the father of Caroline was very strongly opposed to it.

The young man conceived a project, and left for the state of Maine, where he was soon engaged in a profitable business. About a year after the departure of young Whipple, on a beautiful morning in the month of June, Caroline was missing from her accustomed place, and the fact became clear that she had eloped with her lover. On this June night, while the balmy air was perfumed with the odor of roses and pinks, this persistent young lady, responding to a signal that she knew well, threw her personal belongings from the window of her bedchamber, and softly tiptoed down the stairs and out into the yard, where she met her lover, who had provided himself with the best horse he could find to aid them in their flight. There was no time spent in good-byes to parents or home. The pair, mounted upon the saddle and pillion, sped their way till daylight, when they stopped at a village to be married.

Mr. Whipple had carefully considered the distance between Montville and Bangor, and had noted the roads that lay between points, in order to select the most direct route to their



new home in the "Pine Tree State," so that the 200 miles were covered within forty-eight hours.

The little sensation, however, died away at the old homestead after awhile. The Squire and his family became reconciled. The sisters afterwards went to Bangor to see Mrs. Whipple, but her mother never saw her face again.

Mr. Whipple was very successful in his business, and, at his death, left his widow the snug little sum of \$250,000. She lived to the great age of 108 years, and at the age of 105 years wrote a letter to a relative in a hand perfectly clear and plain. This letter, it is said, is now in the possession of Mr. E. H. Beckwith of Norwich.

JOHN SMITH, b. about 1766, son of Nathan Smith and Elizabeth ———; married 7 Oct., 1795; Caroline Chester, b. 27 Aug., 1773, dau. of Deacon Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Otis. He settled in Montville and lived on the old Smith homestead. He was a man of considerable notoriety; was a justice of the peace and held other town offices; was an active member of the church and ecclesiastical society. His wife was a devoted Christian woman and kind neighbor. They both died without children of their own. He died 26 Feb., 1836. She died 20 Sept., 1856.

DAVID SMITH was also another whose ancestors are not certainly known, and who became an inhabitant of the North Parish of New London, and settled in the part of Montville that was set off to the town of Waterford. He was born about 1735; married 1st, ——— Beebe; 2d, ——— Powers. He died 22 June, 1808.

#### Children.

2. Elizabeth, b. ———; m. ——— Sharp.
3. Joshua, b. 28 March, 1762; m. 1st, Esther Powers; 2d, Mima Chapel.
4. Mary, b. about 1786; m. Ezra Keeney.

JOSHUA (3), b. 28 March, 1762, son of David Smith and ———; married 10 Nov., 1784, Esther, dau. of Joshua



MRS. JOHN SMITH.  
Formerly CAROLINE CHESTER.



Powers of Black Point. She died 2 Dec., 1796, aged 47 years. He afterwards married 19 May, 1799, Mima Chapel, dau. of Ezekiel Chapel and Sarah Gardner. He died 25 Jan., 1852. She died 22 April, 1866.

#### Children by Esther.

5. David, b. 26 Oct., 1785; m. Amy Comstock.
6. Jonathan, b. 4 Oct., 1787; m. Clara Chapel.
7. Esther, b. 22 Dec., 1791; died 14 Oct., 1793.

#### Children by Mima.

8. Clarissa, b. 20 April, 1800; died 26 Aug., 1814.
9. Reuben Palmer, b. 29 Dec., 1801; m. Caroline Chapman.
10. Sarah Gardner, b. 2 Nov., 1804; m. Jesso Jerome, 2d wife.
11. Ezekiel Chapel, b. 8 July, 1809; m. Delia Chapman.

JETHRO SMITH, b. about 1714; married 17 May, 1740, Ann Williams, dau. of Thomas Williams and Sarah Babcock. He was an inhabitant of Montville. He had a dau., Mary, who married Lancaster Comstock. Jethro was the son of Joseph Smith and Patience Mowry of Smithfield, R. I., grandson of Edward Smith and Anphillis Angel of Providence, R. I., great-grandson of Christopher Smith and Alice ——. He first appears at Providence, R. I., in 1650, Sept. 2d, when he was taxed 3s. 4d., and died at Providence, June, 1676.

## LEFFINGWELL FAMILIES.

Thomas Leffingwell the first, of Saybrook, was a native of Croyhall, England, and one of the earliest planters of Saybrook. He was personally engaged in the Pequot War, a friend to Uncas, and gave him great assistance at the time the Mohegans were besieged by the Narragansetts in the spring of 1645. Lieutenant Thomas Leffingwell was one of the proprietors of Norwich. He was active in the affairs of the town and state. He died at Norwich about the year 1710. Mary, his wife, died there Feb. 6, 1711. His descendants were numerous, and the name has been quite common in the vicinity of the first settlement of their first American ancestor.

### Children.

2. Rachel, b. 17 March, 1648.
3. Thomas, b. 27 Aug., 1649; m. Mary Bushnell.
4. Jonathan, b. 6 Dec., 1650.
5. Joseph, b. 24 Dec., 1652.
6. Mary, b. 10 Dec., 1654; m. Joseph Bushnell, 28 Nov., 1673.
7. Nathaniel, b. 11 Dec., 1656; m. Mary Smith.
8. Samuel, b. about 1660; m. Ann Dickerson.

II. THOMAS (3), b. 27 Aug., 1649, son of Thomas Leffingwell and Mary ———; married Sept., 1672, Mary, b. Jan., 1654, sister of Richard Bushnell, the first of Norwich. He died 5 March, 1724. She died 2 Dec., 1745.

### Children.

9. Thomas, b. 11 March, 1674; m. Lydia Tracy.
10. Elizabeth, b. Nov., 1676; m. John Tracy.
11. Ann, b. 25 Jan., 1680; m. Dr. Caleb Bushnell.
12. Mary, b. 11 March, 1682; m. Simeon Tracy.

13. Zurviah, b. 17 Oct., 1686; m. Benajah Bushnell.
14. John, b. 2 Feb., 1688; m. 1st, Sarah Abel; 2d, Mary Hart.
15. Abigail, b. 14 Sept., 1691; m. Daniel Tracy, only son of Daniel Tracy and Abigail Adgate.
16. Benajah, b. 9 Aug., 1693; m. Joanna Christophers.
17. Hezekiah, b. 18 Nov., 1695; died 24 April, 1696.

II. NATHANIEL (7), b. 11 Dec., 1656, son of Thomas Leffingwell and Mary ———; m. 8 Jan., 1682, Mary Smith, daughter of ———. They may have had more children, but only one appears on the records, Samuel, b. June, 1692.

II. SAMUEL (8), b. about 1660, son of Thomas Leffingwell and Mary ———; m. 16 Nov., 1687, Ann Dickerson, daughter of ———. He died at Norwich, Dec., 1691. She died there 22 Feb., 1690-1. They appear to have had but one child.

18. Samuel, b. 4 Feb., 1690-1; m. Hannah Gifford.

III. JOHN (14), b. 2 Feb., 1688, son of Thomas Leffingwell and Mary Bushnell; married 1st, Sarah Abel; 2d, Mary Hart. He settled at Norwich. He was styled Captain John. His death or that of either of his wives does not appear. Only one child by his first wife is recorded.

Child by Sarah.

19. Elizabeth, b. 12 Dec., 1713; m. Ezra Hyde, 30 March, 1730.

Children by Mary.

20. Mathew, b. 28 March, 1739; m. Charity Bushnell.
21. Phineas, b. 9 April, 1742; m. Elizabeth Hyde.
22. John, b. ———; m. Hannah Edgerton.

III. BENAJAH (16), b. 9 Aug., 1693, son of Thomas Leffingwell and Mary Bushnell; married Joanna Christophers, born at New London 19 March, 1707, daughter of Judge Rich-

ard Christophers and Grace Turner. They had eight sons and five daughters.

23. Elisha the 7th son, b. 4 Nov., 1743; m. Alice Tracy.

III. SAMUEL (18), b. 4 Feb., 1690-1, son of Samuel Leffingwell and Ann Dickerson; married 2 March, 1714-15, Hannah Gifford. He settled in Norwich. She died there 7 Oct., 1742.

#### Children.

- 24. Caleb, b. 13 May, 1716; m. Mary ———.
- 25. Samuel, b. 28 May, 1718; m. Hannah Buck.
- 26. Hannah, b. 14 Feb., 1719-20.
- 27. Ann, b. 28 June, 1722; m. 1st, William Vibber; 2d, James Noble.
- 28. Andrew, b. 12 Dec., 1724; m. Marcy Nobles.
- 29. Mary, b. 8 Oct., 1726; m. John Nobles.
- 30. Elizabeth, b. 9 June, 1729; m. Samuel Copp.
- 31. Jonathan, b. 22 May, 1731.
- 32. Abigail, b. 29 May, 1734.
- 33. Sarah, b. 28 Aug., 1736.

IV. MATTHEW (20), b. 28 March, 1739, son of Captain John Leffingwell and Mary Hart; married Charity Bushnell, second daughter of Richard. They had a large family of children.

- 34. Jabez, the 6th son, b. 5 May, 1778; m. Lydia Rogers.
- 34a. Phineas, the 4th son, b. 19 Nov., 1770; m. Arunah Waterman.

IV. PHINEAS (21), b. 9 April, 1742, son of Captain John Leffingwell and Mary Hart; married 19 Nov., 1774, Elizabeth Hyde, daughter of Jabez Hyde. She died 21 April, 1796. He died 25 Sept., 1797.

#### Children.

- 35. Phineas, b. 28 Aug., 1775.
- 36. Simcon, b. 13 March, 1778; died 14 March, 1803, unm.

- 37. Charles, b. 6 March, 1780; removed to Rome, N. Y.
- 38. John, b. 21 July; m. ——— Ladd.
- 39. Ambrose, b. 25 Nov., 1786; died unm.
- 40. Henry, b. 30 Dec., 1788; m. 1st, ——— Gager; 2d,  
——— Babcock.
- 41. Elizabeth, twin to Charles; m. 1st, Albert Ladd; 2d,  
Robert Hyde.

IV. ELISHA (23), b. 4 Nov., 1743, son of Bonajah Leffingwell and Joanna Christophers; married 15 Jan., 1766, Alice Tracy, b. 11 Oct., 1745, daughter of Dr. Elisha Tracy. He settled at Norwich.

#### Children.

- 42. Dyer, b. 6 April, 1767; died 5 Oct., 1770.
- 43. Lucy Huntington, b. 4 Sept., 1768; m. Deacon Simeon Abel.
- 44. Dyer, b. 5 Oct., 1770; m. Hannah Waterman.
- 45. Sarah, b. 27 Nov., 1772; m. Roswell Culver.
- 46. Alice, b. 8 Aug., 1775; m. Henry Tracy.
- 47. Elisha, b. 28 Feb., 1778; m. Francis Thomas.
- 48. Nancy, b. 15 Feb., 1781; m. Nehemiah Huntington.
- 49. Martin, b. Oct., 1785; m. Mary Thomas.

IV. SAMUEL (25), b. 28 May, 1718, son of Samuel Leffingwell and Ann Dickerson; married 7 Sept., 1743, Hannah Buck. After her death, 29 March, 1761, he married 10 Dec., 1762, Sarah Russel. She died 22 Oct., 1763. He died ———.

#### Children by Hannah.

- 50. Benjamin, b. 2 Feb., 1743-4; m. Lettis Camp.
- 51. Samuel, b. 28 June, 1747; m. Betsey Baker.
- 52. Abigail, b. 2 April, 1752; m. Josiah Baker.

IV. ANDREW (28), b. 12 Dec., 1724, son of Samuel Leffingwell and Ann Dickerson; married Marcy Nobles, b. 5 April, 1726, daughter of Stephen Nobles and Marcy Williams. He died in Bozrah, 27 Sept., 1803. She died 5 Oct., 1808.



## Children.

- 53. Gurdon, b. 1768, m. Polly Avery.
- 54. Elisha, b. ; m. Betsey Barney.
- 55. Andrew, b. ; died a young man.
- 56. Rhoda, b. ; m. Charles Bill.
- 57. Annis, b. ; died, aged 80 years, unm.
- 58. Eunice, b. ; m. Ransford Avery.
- 59. Marcy, b. ; m. Stephen Post.

JABEZ (34), b. 5 May, 1778, son of Mathew Leffingwell and Charity Bushnell; married 20 April, 1803, Lydia Rogers, b. 15 Feb., 1779, youngest daughter of James Rogers and Zilpha Hyde.

## Children.

- 60. Lucy Rogers, b. 24 March, 1804; m. ———. Removed to Ohio.
- 61. John Hyde, b. 18 Jan., 1806; m. ———. Removed to Ohio.
- 62. George E., b. 12 March, 1808; died 7 July, 1809.
- 63. Lydia, b. 4 Jan., 1810.
- 64. Frances Abby, b. 17 Nov., 1811; m. Joseph Bates Carter.
- 65. George Henry, b. 30 Dec., 1813.

V. BENJAMIN (50), b. 2 Feb., 1743-4, son of Samuel Leffingwell and Hannah Buck; married Lettis Camp, b. July, 1742, daughter of ———. He was an inhabitant of Bozrah, where he was a farmer, and died 2 Feb., 1826. She died 29 Oct., 1803.

## Children.

- 66. Wealtha, b. 6 Aug., 1766; m. Allen Watrous.
- 67. Hussel, b. 28 Feb., 1768; m. Sarah Gardner.
- 68. James, b. April, 1770; m. ——— Maples.
- 69. John, b. 22 March, 1774; m. Eunice Ford.
- 70. Louise, b. June, 1776; m. David Maples.
- 71. Joseph, b. June, 1778; m. Sally Ford.
- 72. Mary, b. Jan., 1780; m. Caleb Reed. She died 30 Sept., 1825.

V. SAMUEL (51), b. 28 June, 1747, son of Samuel Leffingwell and Hannah Buck; married Betsey Baker, b. 13 July, 1747, daughter of Joshua Baker and Phebe Wickwire. He was a resident of Bozrah, but lived near the Montville town line. He was a farmer, and died 25 March, 1823. She died 5 April, 1816.

Children.

- 73. Samuel, b. ; m. Lydia Herrington.
- 74. Christopher, b. 29 Dec., 1771; m. Jemima Woodworth.
- 75. Phebe, b. 27 Jan., 1774; m. Jonathan Chapman.
- 76. Hannah, b. ; m. Nehemiah Randall.
- 77. Iodice, b. ; m. Oliver Landphere.
- 78. Ann, b. ; m. Stephen Maples.
- 79. Abigail, b. ; m. Joseph Ford.
- 80. Betsey, b. 1779; m. David Maples.

V. GURDON (53), b. 1768, son of Andrew Leffingwell and Marcy Nobles; married Polly Avery, daughter of ———. He was a resident of Montville, a farmer, and died 16 Jan., 1844. She died 17 Dec., 1869.

Children.

- 81. Elisha, b. 6 Feb., 1796; m. Betsey Beebe.
- 82. Marvin, b. 20 July, 1798; m. 1st, Abby Ann Chapman;  
2d, Sarah Whaley.
- 83. Gardner, b. 10 Jan., 1801; died unm.
- 84. Mary, b. 4 April, 1803; m.
- 85. Amanda, b. 4 Nov., 1805; m. Alfred Rogers.
- 86. Andrew, b. 9 July, 1808; m. Sally Sabin.
- 87. George, b. March, 1811; died 28 Nov., 1881, unm.
- 88. Fitch, b. 1813; died June, 1827.
- 89. Ira, b. 1816; died 4 Aug., 1872, unm.
- 90. Harriot, b. 25 Aug., 1819; m. Joseph Kolso.

VI. JOHN (69), b. 22 March, 1774, son of Benjamin Leffingwell and Lettis Camp; married Eunice Ford, b. May, 1782, daughter of Joseph Ford and Rebecca Bradford. He was a resident of Montville, a farmer, and died 19 Oct., 1856. She died 10 Jan., 1873.

## Children.

91. Eunice F., b. 13 Sept., 1807; died 8 Sept., 1882, unm.  
 92. John B., b. 4 Sept., 1809; m. Martha Palmer.

CHRISTOPHER (74), b. 29 Dec., 1771, son of Samuel Leffingwell and Betsey Baker; married Jemima Woodworth, daughter of Joshua Woodworth and Lucy ———. This Joshua Woodworth was born 11 Oct., 1743, and died 3 Nov., 1813. Lucy, his wife, b. 12 Aug., 1747; died 8 July, 1822, parents of Joshua Elliot Woodworth, who lived at Mohogan, and grandparents of Joshua E. Woodworth, Jr., who died at Norwich.

## Children.

93. Christopher, b. 26 Nov., 1802; m. Amelia Gardner.  
 He died 1 April, 1873. She died 18 Dec., 1868.  
 94. Joshua B., b. 3 July, 1804; m. Mary Woodworth.  
 95. Eunice Fitch, b. 5 July, 1808; m. Robert Palmer.

VI. MARVIN (82), b. 20 July, 1798, son of Gurdon Leffingwell and Polly Avery; married 1st, Abby Ann Chapman, daughter of Jonathan Chapman, Jr., and Phebe ———. He was a resident of Montville, lived at the foot of "Nobles Hill." She died 17 March, 1838. He then married Sarah Whaley, daughter of Levi Whaley. He died 31 March, 1856.

## Children by Abby Ann.

96. Erastus M., b. 31 July, 1825; m. Abby Beebe.  
 97. Eliza Jane, b. Aug., 1831; m. Lewis Rogers.  
 98. Daniel C., b. 20 June, 1836; m. Rebecca Curtis.

## Children by Sarah.

99. Chauncey, b. ; m. ——— Martin.  
 100. Maria, b. ; m. James Beebe.

VII. JOHN B. (92), b. 4 Sept., 1809, son of John Leffingwell and Eunice Ford; married 23 Dec., 1833, Martha Palmer, sister of Deacon Robert Palmer. He was an inhabi-

tant of Montville, a farmer of thrift, and a thorough business man, being quite often chosen assessor of the town rates, and also held the office of selectman. He died 11 April, 1884. She was living in 1896.

Children.

101. John Henry, b. 1 Oct., 1835; m. Harriet Rogers.
102. Mary Jane, b. 22 Sept., 1838; m. 1st, Alexander Cutler;  
2d, Anson Gardner.
103. Joseph L., b. 9 Nov., 1841; m. Julia M. Switz.
104. Orren B., b. 29 June, 1849; m. Helen M. Gadbois.

VIII. JOSEPH (103), b. 9 Nov., 1841, son of John B. Leffingwell and Martha Palmer; married 26 Nov., 1872, Julia M. Switz. He was a farmer; settled near the old homestead. He died 8 Feb., 1888. She was living in 1896.

Children.

105. John L., b. 16 Sept., 1873.
106. George W., b. 5 March, 1875.

## LATIMER FAMILIES.

Captain Robert Latimer, Jr., b. 5 Feb., 1664, was the son of Robert Latimer, Sr., the first of New London, who married Mrs. Ann Jones, the widow of Mathew Jones, and daughter of George Griggs, Esq., of Boston. Their only daughter, Elizabeth, married Jonathan Prentis.

Captain Robert Latimer, Jr., married Elizabeth ———, and had five sons and one daughter. He was rich in landed estate. Besides the homestead in New London and town lots, he owned a considerable tract of swamp and cedar land in the vicinity of New London, and an unmeasured quantity of wild land in the northwest part of New London, which was afterwards occupied by his descendants. He also owned that tract of land in Chesterfield on which his descendants afterwards lived, and on which some of the name still live.

He was elected to many offices of trust, was chosen a deputy in 1705, which office he held several years in succession. In 1717 he was a member of the Governor's Council, and again chosen in 1720, and held the position until his death. He died at New London on the 29th day of November, 1728, aged 64 years.

### Children.

2. John, b. ; m. Elizabeth ———.
3. Robert, b. ; m. Mary Huntley, 17 June, 1731.
4. Jonathan, b. about 1698; m. Borodil Denison.
5. Samuel, b. ; m. Elizabeth Hallum.
6. Peter, b. ; m. Hannah Picket.
- 6a. Ann, b.

III. JONATHAN (4), b. about 1698, son of Captain Robert Latimer and Hannah ———; married 6 April, 1721, Borodil Denison, b. 17 May, 1701, daughter of George Deni-



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son, Esq., who graduated at Harvard in 1693 and entered the profession of lawyer. Captain Jonathan Latimer settled at New London, and, like his father, was a wealthy landholder. He owned a large tract in Chesterfield, which he inherited from his father, and he also possessed a tract of land on the west side of Niantic River, now in the town of East Lyme. The site of a dwelling-house, formerly occupied by one of his sons was in 1882 still visible, on the west side of the Niantic River, about a mile below the bridge at the head of the river, and nearly opposite Sandy Point. The spring from which water was taken to supply the house is still known as "Latimer Spring."

A long ledge of almost perpendicular rocks, lying along the west bank of the river, has since been called "Latimer's Rocks." He also owned land at the place now called Black Point in Lyme. The beautiful white sand beach on the west side of Black Point is still called "Latimer's Beach."

#### Children.

7. Anne, b. about 1723; m. Charles Buckley,\* 3 Oct., 1741.
8. Jonathan, b. 27 March, 1724; m. Lucretia Griswold.
9. Elizabeth, b. 16 Sept., 1726; m. Joseph Denison.
10. Mary, b. 16 April, 1729; m. Joseph Deshon.
11. Amos, b. 5 Dec., 1730.
12. Robert, b. 26 Feb., 1732.
13. Henry, b. 28 Feb., 1737.
14. Daniel, b. 16 Aug., 1739.
15. John, b. 21 Dec., 1741; died in infancy.
16. Borodil, bap. 19 Feb., 1744; m. Nathaniel Coit.

III. SAMUEL (5), b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of Captain Robert Latimer and Hannah ———; married 11 July, 1723, Elizabeth Hallum, daughter of Nicholas by his second wife, Elizabeth Meades, who maiden name was Gulliver. Elizabeth

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\* Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley is a descendant of this Charles Buckley and Ann Latimer.

(Hallum) Latimer was born in London, England, 22 Feb., 1701-2. They settled at New London, where he died 1 April, 1774. She died 1 Sept., 1777.

#### Children.

17. Samuel, bap. 4 Jan., 1727; died at the age of 8 years.
18. Elizabeth, b. 28 Aug., 1728; m. Nicholas Hallam, probably a cousin.
19. Nathan, b. 15 March, 1730; m. Jane Lee.
20. Samuel, b. 11 Feb., 1733; m. Elizabeth Prentiss.
21. Amos, b. 28 Jan., 1737.
22. Ann, b. 28 Aug., 1739. She was living in 1802. Sold land to Goddard Martenas in Chesterfield.
23. Mary, b. 5 Nov., 1742.
24. Lucy, b. 18 Feb., 1745; died 10 May, 1751.
25. Richard, b. 27 March, 1749; m. Sarah Holt.

III. PETER (6), b. —, son of Captain Robert Latimer and Elizabeth ———; married 28 April, 1732, Hannah Picket, daughter of John Picket of New London. He was a sea captain, and was lost at sea in 1790.

#### Children.

26. Peter, b. 12 Sept., 1733.
27. Hannah, b. 29 Aug., 1735; m. ——— Jones.
28. Lucretia, bap. 24 April, 1738; m. Captain Nathaniel Saltonstall.
29. John, bap. 10 Jan., 1742.
30. Picket, bap. 19 May, 1745; m. Eunice Douglass.

IV. JONATHAN (8), b. 27 May, 1724, son of Captain Jonathan Latimer and Borodil Denison; married Lucretia Griswold, b. 26 March, 1731, daughter of ———. He lived at New London in Chesterfield Society, on land which he inherited from his father. He was colonel of the Third Regiment of militia in Connecticut at the time of Arnold's raid on New London in 1781, and at the time was censured for not taking a more active part in bringing forward the forces under

his command to meet the enemy. Colonel Latimer served in several campaigns against the French upon the northern frontier, and during the war for independence was much of the time in the field of service. The original of the following order issued by him is still extant, in the possession of the writer. Its orthography would seem to indicate that men in those days were more accustomed to the use of the sword than the pen.

“To Capt. John Hempstead, agreeable to orders Received from Gen l Tylar. you are ordered to Colect the Recruits for the continental Army within your Comp,y and Deliver them to the Continental officers at the house of John Raymond in the North Parish of New London on the first Monday of May next. Which officers will be there to muster and Receive them, and if any one of them Shall be mustered out you are to see that another is immediately Detached to Supply his Place. every Recruit must go Prepared to march to army immediately after they are mustered.

Given at New London, April ye 26, 1782.

Jon”a Latimer Col

N. B. No Deserter from the British service Negro or Boys can be accepted nor any man whose age or infirmity will Disenable them from an active Campaign. J. L.”

On the back of this order is this endorsement:

“May 6th, 1782. You are hereby Ordered to tak the Body of Henry Harris and Deliver him to the house of John Bannou of N. L. this Day. Mak No Delay. John Hempstead Capt. To Corporal Joshua Bradley. In Pursuant to the Above Order I mad Search After the Within Warned Persons and found Nary One of them. Joshua Bradley, Corporal.”

Colonel Latimer with seven of his sons removed from Montville to Tennessee about 1790. They moved in emigrant wagons drawn by oxen, taking with them articles and

provisions for use on the way. Colonel Latimer himself never lived to reach his contemplated destination, but died on the journey, and was buried at the place where he died. The sons settled in the country, and were the ancestors of numerous descendants now living in the western states. It was said that six of Colonel Latimer's sons and himself measured forty-two feet. The Latimers have ever been noted for their height and stalwart muscular frame.

#### Children.

31. Hannah, b. 19 Sept., 1747; m. Daniel Rogers. They settled early in Tennessee, and reared a family of children who settled there.
32. George, b. 29 July, 1749; m. Rachel Smith, 10 Oct., 1773.
33. Borodil, b. 13 Dec., 1750; died young.
34. Jonathan, b. 12 April, 1753; m. Elizabeth Chapel.
35. Borodil, b. 12 April, 1755.
36. Wetherel, b. 18 March, 1757; m. Abigail Fitch.
37. Charles, b. 30 June, 1759. Settled in Tennessee.
38. Robert, b. 2 Nov., 1760. Settled in Tennessee, and was killed by the Indians.
39. Nicholas, b. 8 June, 1763; probably died young.
40. Griswold, b. 8 Sept., 1764. Settled in Tennessee.
41. Joseph, b. 8 June, 1766. Settled in Tennessee.
42. Nathaniel, b. 25 Feb., 1768. Settled in Tennessee.
43. Daniel, b. 4 May, 1771.

IV. NATHAN (19), b. 15 March, 1730, son of Samuel Latimer and Elizabeth Hallam; married 6 May, 1753, Jane Lee, daughter of Colonel Stephen Lee of Lyme. He settled in Chesterfield, and was living there in 1802, where he sold land to his son, Nathan, Jr. Several of the family moved to Pennsylvania and Ohio.

#### Children.

44. Ann, b. 10 July, 1769; m. Zebulon Chapman.
45. Elizabeth, b. 17 Dec., 1764; m. ——— Dodge.
46. Hallum, b. 3 Sept., 1754; m. Mercy Dodge.

47. Jane, b. 13 April, 1763; m. 13 Nov., 1789, Samuel Miner, and had daughter Elizabeth, b. 21 May, 1791, and son Nathaniel, b. 11 Sept., 1792, and Jane, Eunice, Henry, Samuel, and Mary Ann.
48. Nathan, b. 24 July, 1756; m. 1st, Ann Dodge; 2d, Widow Sabra (Baker) Chapman.
49. Lucy, b. 3 Dec., 1758; m. ——— Dodge. She had son Mark, who lived in Salem, and other children.
50. Samuel, b. 16 June, 1767; m. Elizabeth Chapel.
51. Edward, b. 10 July, 1771; m. Elizabeth Latimer, daughter of Richard.
52. Stephen, b. 18 Jan., 1761; m. ——— Moved to Susquehanna.
53. Lydia, b. 5 July, 1773; m. 1st, ——— Strickland; 2d, ——— Beckwith.

IV. SAMUEL (20), b. 11 Feb., 1733, son of Samuel Latimer and Elizabeth Hallum; married 1 Jan., 1761, Elizabeth Prentis. She died, and he again married, 9 Nov., 1793, Lydia Green. He died 7 Nov., 1808.

#### Children.

54. Samuel, b. 25 Dec., 1761; died young.
55. John, b. 7 Nov., 1764; died young.
56. John, b. 25 Nov., 1765.
57. George Griggs, b. 4 Dec., 1768.
58. Samuel, b. 8 June, 1770; was drowned when 8 years old.

IV. RICHARD (25), b. 27 March, 1749, son of Samuel Latimer and Elizabeth Hallum; m. 20 Oct., 1778, Sarah Holt, b. 27 Dec., 1749, daughter of William Holt of New London. He died 7 Jan., 1824. She died 20 May, 1833.

#### Children.

59. Elizabeth, b. 3 June, 1774; m. Edward Latimer.
60. Samuel, b. 11 July, 1775; died 7 Jan., 1802.
61. Sarah, b. 4 July, 1780; died 20 March, 1802.

IV. PICKET (30), b. 19 May, 1745, son of Peter Latimer and Hannah ———; married about 1780, Eunice Doug-

lass, a sister of Captain Douglass of Waterford, and aunt to Albert G. Douglass of Waterford, who lives on the old homestead. Mr. Latimer lived in New London until the burning of the town in 1781. He then built a house in Waterford (Cobanzie), soon after. This house is located three miles from New London, on the old Colchester road.

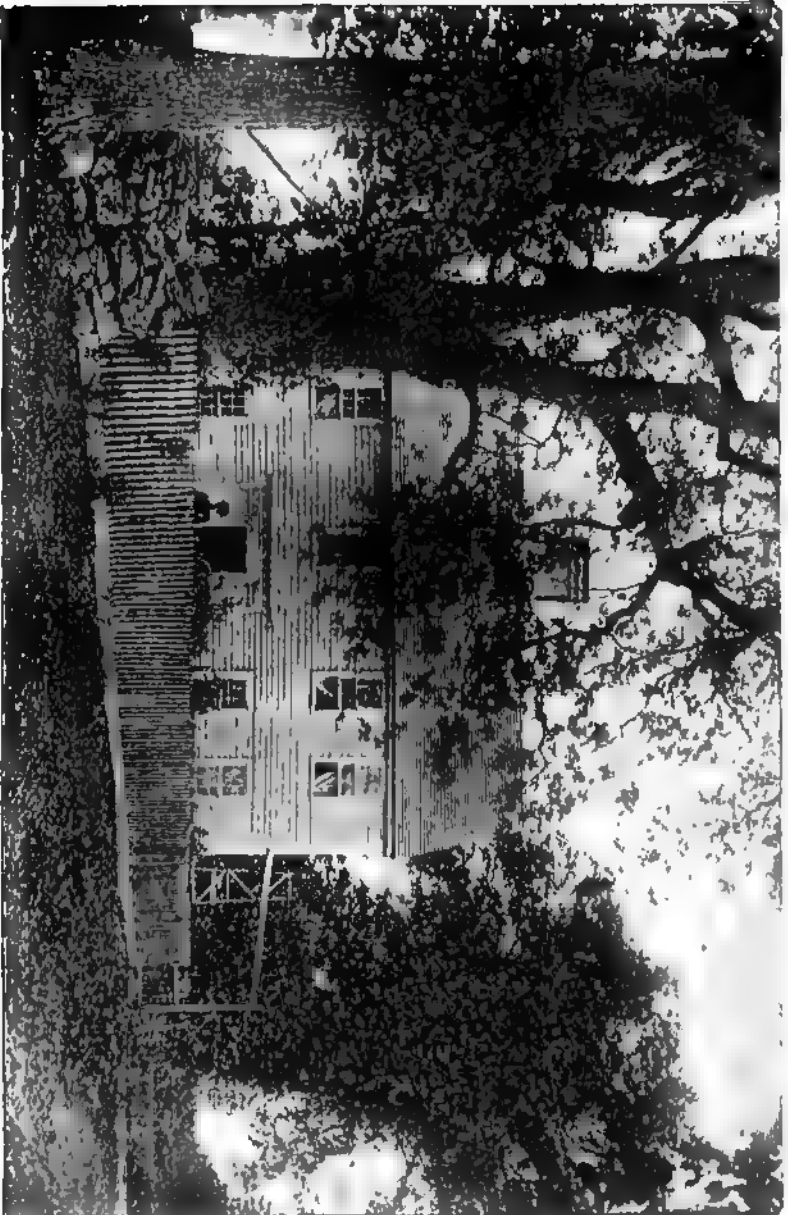
#### Children.

- 62. Eunice, b. 9 July, 1792; m. Lebbeus Gardiner.
- 63. Picket, b. 20 Jan., 1796; died in Norwalk; Ohio.
- 64. Hannah P., b. 12 March, 1794; m. Ephraim Chesobrough.
- 65. Eliza, b. 14 Feb., 1798; m. Dr. James Rogers.
- 66. Peter, b. 30 March, 1800; moved to New York.
- 67. Lucretia, b. 9 July, 1802; m.
- 68. John Mulford, b. \_\_\_\_\_; moved to Ohio.
- 69. Courtland Lewis, b. \_\_\_\_\_; settled at Columbus, Ohio.

V. GEORGE (32), b. 29 July, 1749, son of Colonel Jonathan Latimer and Lucretia Griswold; married 10 Oct., 1773, Rachel Smith. He was a farmer, and settled at Chesterfield. He died 8 Oct., 1837.

#### Children.

- 70. Lydia, b. 2 June, 1775; m. James Baker.
- 71. Rachel, b. 2 July, 1777; m. James Chadwick.
- 72. Lucretia, b. 1779; m. James Chapel.
- 73. Martha, b. 30 Jan., 1781; m. Christopher Latimer.
- 74. Borodil, b. 31 Aug., 1786; m. 1st, Ralph Yonnans; 2d, \_\_\_\_\_ Lee.
- 75. Sarah, b. 31 Aug., 1789; died young.
- 76. George Griswold, b. 5 June, 1791; m. Lydia Tinker.
- 77. Nicholas, b. 4 May, 1798; m. Joanna Tinker, 12 Nov., 1825. Had one son, George, b. 7 March, 1828, and m. \_\_\_\_\_ Cone. Was living in 1896 on the old homestead, a farmer, and owner of the "Old Latimer Mills," in Chesterfield.



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V. JONATHAN (34), b. 12 April, 1753, son of Colonel Jonathan Latimer and Lucretia Griswold; m. 3 Aug., 1775, Elizabeth Chapel, daughter of Jonathan Chapel. He with his family removed to Tennessee, and settled at Summer City, where he died at an advanced age. His three sons all married and settled at the West, and reared large families. His sons were Jonathan, Jacob, and Lyons.

V. WETTEREL (36), b. 18 March, 1757, son of Colonel Jonathan Latimer and Lucretia Griswold; m. Abigail Fitch, daughter of Daniel Fitch and Sarah Sherwood. He removed with his father to Tennessee, and afterwards settled at Pope City in Arkansas. His wife died, and he contracted a second marriage, by whom he had several children.

#### Children by Abigail.

- 78. Daniel, b. 30 Dec., 1783; m. and died in 1857.
- 79. James, b. 15 Oct., 1785; m. and lived at Summer City.

#### Children by Second Wife.

- 80. Jane, b. ; m. Robert Wilson.
- 81. Charles, b.
- 82. Sylvanis, b.
- 83. John, b.
- 84. Thomas, b.
- 85. Robert, b.
- 86. Malinda, b.

V. CHARLES (37), b. 30 June, 1759, son of Colonel Jonathan Latimer and Lucretia Griswold; moved to Tennessee, where he married and had children, Seldon, Nicholas, Polly, Edward, Oliver, Harriet. He settled at Summer City, Tenn., and died there at an advanced age.

V. ROBERT (38), b. 2 Nov., 1760, son of Colonel Jonathan Latimer and Lucretia Griswold; removed with his father to Tennessee and married. He was killed by the Indians, and left two children, William and Nathaniel.

V. JOSEPH (41), b. 8 June, 1766, son of Colonel Jonathan Latimer and Lucretia Griswold; married Ann Dobbins. He settled in Knox County, Illinois, where he died, leaving eight children, Betsey, Jonathan, Alexander, Sally, George, John, Susan, and David.

V. NATHANIEL (42), b. 25 Feb., 1768, son of Colonel Jonathan Latimer and Lucretia Griswold; removed with his father to Tennessee, where he married and had Erastus, Benjamin, and Robert, who married and had one son, Robert Atwell. He was living in California in 1882, and was a Methodist minister.

V. HALLAM (46), b. about 1756, son of Nathan Latimer and Jane Lee; m. 17 Sept., 1778, Mercy Dodge. About the year 1824 they removed from Chesterfield to Marietta, Ohio, where he died. Before removing from Chesterfield, he gave a life lease of the homestead farm, which his father had previously conveyed to him, to his father Nathan, and mother Jane.

#### Children.

87. David, b. 7 May, 1779; died 28 Dec., 1800.
88. Mercy, b. 3 Dec., 1781; died 27 Aug., 1782.
89. Peter, b. 1 Aug., 1783; died 11 May, 1784.
90. Nicholas Hallum, b. 17 Oct., 1785; died 22 Oct., 1786.
91. Lucy, b. 16 Aug., 1787.
92. Frances, b. 6 March, 1790.
93. Nathan Lee Lord, b. 9 Feb., 1793.
94. Daniel Dodge, b. 22 June, 1795.
95. Mary Ann, b. 13 Jan., 1799.

V. NATHAN (48), b. 24 July, 1756, son of Nathan Latimer and Jane Lee; married Ann Dodge, sister to Hallam's wife. He settled in Montville, Chesterfield Society, and lived on the farm formerly occupied by his father, situated near the old meeting-house, erected in 1824. The land on which the meeting-house was erected was given to the so-

ciety by him. She died 10 June, 1798, in the 37th year of her age. He then married Sabra (Baker) Chapman. He died previous to 1830, his last wife surviving him.

#### Children.

- 96. Jonathan, b. about 1781; m. Ann Watrous, 29 Sept., 1804.
- 97. Nathan G., b. ; m.
- 98. Nancy, b. . Settled in Huron County, New York.
- 99. Lynds, b. . Settled in Ohio.
- 100. Robert, b. ; died in New York.
- 101. Sophia Jane, b. ; died about 1817.
- 102. Oliver D., b. . Settled in Chenango County, New York.

V. SAMUEL (50), b. 8 Jan., 1770, son of Nathan Latimer and Jane Lee; married about 1794, Elizabeth Chapel, daughter of Ezekiel Chapel and Delight Baker. He settled in Montville (Chesterfield), where he died about 1807. She died in 1856.

#### Children.

- 103. John L., b. about 1795; m. Mary Chapman.
- 104. Ezekiel C., b. about 1797; m. Harriet Chapman.
- 105. Samuel, b. 8 July, 1802; m. Abby Rogers; 2d, Amy Smith.
- 106. Lodica, b. ; m. Andrew Maynard.
- 107. Almira, b.

V. EDWARD (51), b. about 1771, son of Nathan Latimer and Jane Lee; married Elizabeth Latimer, daughter of Richard Latimer. He settled in New London. He died 16 March, 1836. She died 25 Jan., 1849. They had one son.

- 108. Joseph H., b. 10 May, 1798; m. Theresa Tinker, b. about 1808, daughter of ———. Their children were:

## Children.

- 109. Edward H., b. 25 Oct., 1840. He died at Camp Chesebrough, Baltimore, Md., 14 Feb., 1864.
- 110. Joseph S., b. 26 March, 1844; m. Arabella Palmer.
- 111. Sarah A., b. 21 Feb., 1829; m. William C. Turnor.
- 112. Richard R., b. 25 May, 1831; m. Emma Brown.

VI. GEORGE GRISWOLD (76), b. 5 June, 1791, son of George Latimer and Rachel Smith; married Nov., 1816, Lydia Tinker. He was a farmer in Chesterfield Society, Montville, and owned with his brother Nicholas the saw and grist mill, called "Latimer's Mills." He represented the town of Montville in the legislature of this state in 1850, and held important town offices. He died at Chesterfield.

## Children.

- 113. Elizabeth, b. 27 Sept., 1817.
- 114. James Monroe, b. 28 Sept., 1819; m.
- 115. William T., b. 23 March, 1822; m.
- 116. Lydia, b. 8 Aug., 1826.
- 117. Jane, b. 29 Aug., 1831.

VI. NICHOLAS (77), b. 4 May, 1798, son of George Latimer and Rachel Smith; married 12 Nov., 1821, Joanna Tinker, daughter of ———, and sister to George Griswold's wife. He was a farmer in Chesterfield Society, Montville. He represented the town of Montville in the legislature of this state in 1847, and held many offices of the town. He died at Chesterfield 7 Oct., 1865, leaving one son.

- 118. George, b. 7 March, 1828; m. Aurelia Cone, daughter of Erastus Cone and Lucy B. Beebe. He was living on the old homestead at Chesterfield in 1896. The house now occupied by George Latimer was built by his great-grandfather, Colonel Jonathan Latimer, about 1745.



WATERFALL AT LATIMER'S MILL.



VI. JONATHAN (96), b. about 1781, son of Nathan Latimer and Ann Dodge; married Anna Watrous of Lyme, 29 Sept., 1804. He settled at Chesterfield, a farmer, and died 2 Aug., 1838. She died 11 Sept., 1844, age 60 years; both buried in Chesterfield.

Children.

- 119. Lucy Ann, b. about 1805; m. ——— Williams.
- 120. Alexander II., b. about 1807; m. Sophrona A. Chapman.
- 121. Benjamin F., b. about 1809; died 14 May, 1844.
- 122. Hallam, b. ; died in Lyme.
- 123. Jane, b. ; m. Edward De Wolf.
- 124. Mary, b. ; died about 1867.
- 125. Lafayette, b. ; was living in Michigan in 1888.
- 126. Jonathan, b. about 1819; died 25 Feb., 1826.
- 127. Thomas, b. about 1822; died 11 Aug., 1845.

VII. ALEXANDER II. (120), b. about 1807, son of Jonathan Latimer and Anna Watrous; married Sophrona A. Chapman, 22 March, 1829, daughter of Gideon Chapman and Sarah Cook; a farmer; first settled at Chesterfield, and in 1837 removed to Michigan. Both were dead before 1890.

Children.

- Robert F., b. 12 Sept., 1830; m. and had a son, Robert, who murdered both his father and mother at Detroit, Mich.
- 128. Mulford M., b. 6 Oct., 1832.
- 129. Daniel S., b. 17 Aug., 1834.
- 130. David A., b. 10 Dec., 1836; died 1 Oct., 1837.
- 131. Sarah A., b. 16 Nov., 1838.
- 132. Joannah F., b. 9 March, 1841.
- 133. Charlotte A., b. 9 Aug., 1843.
- 134. George F., b. 29 July, 1846.
- 135. John II., b. 14 Aug., 1849.
- 136. Marietta J., b. 5 April, 1853.



JOSEPH STRICKLAND (108), b. 26 March, 1844, son of Joseph H. Latimer and Theresa Tinker; married Arabelle Palmer, 1 Jan., 1872, daughter of Elisha H. Palmer and Ellis Loomis. He settled in Palmertown. Served in the war of the Rebellion. The past twenty years has been book-keeper in the employ of Palmer Brothers; both were living in 1896.

Children.

- 137. Hugh, b. 15 Oct., 1872.
- 138. Frederick P., b. 12 Nov., 1875.
- 139. Richard W., b. 13 June, 1879.
- 140. Robert Lee, b. 24 Oct., 1883.
- 141. Alice E., b. 9 June, 1887; died 17 Dec., 1889.
- 142. Gladys Estelle, b. 16 Nov., 1891.





ELISHA HOLMES HOUSE.

## HOLMES FAMILIES.

The families of the name of Holmes were early settlers in Montville and Colchester, and were among the best citizens of the towns. Their intermarriage with other families of prominence show them to have been persons of high standing in the community. It is, however, a very difficult task to compile a genealogy of the families bearing the name, so as to make the lines of the various families connect with each other, owing to incomplete records and lack of dates of births and marriages.

The Holmes families of Montville and Colchester appear to be very closely connected with those of Plymouth, Mass., and they probably emigrated from the Plymouth Colony to Connecticut. Lieut. John Holmes appears in Colchester and was voted an inhabitant there 22 Dec., 1718. Chosen Surveyor 27 Dec., 1720, and again in 1722. Selectman in 1723 and 1724.

James Harris conveyed by deed to Lieut. John Holmes, Sergeant Thomas Jones, and Peletiah Bliss in trust, a certain tract or parcel of land containing, by estimation, two acres, dated 10 Nov., 1726, "for the uses hereafter mentioned, and for no other, to hold for the use of the aforesaid Parish (called New Salem) for the building of a Presbyterian Meeting House, and for a burying place, and for a training field. The aforesaid meeting house to be built for the inhabitants therein to worship God in the Presbyterian faith." The meeting-house was built on the parcel of land conveyed by James Harris and for many years used for place of worship. The Presbyterian order, after a time, was given up and a Baptist element formed a church in that neighborhood, which afterwards came in possession of the meeting-house, and held their meetings there.

This house, however, was abandoned, and a new house of worship erected on a spot about one-fourth of a mile east from the old church, and now occupied by the Baptist denomination, and called the First Baptist Church of Salem.

Lieut. John Holmes married first, Elizabeth Gates, and second, Ann Rockwell, 3 Dec., 1729. By his first wife, Elizabeth, he had a daughter, Elizabeth, born about 1692, married 12 Dec., 1717, Dea. Samuel Loomis, Jr., and died 27 May, 1760. She left her estate to her brother, John Holmes, to the heirs of her deceased brother, George Holmes, to her sister Dorothy, wife of Clement Daniels, to sister Mary, wife of John Way, to sister Sarah, wife of Thomas Gustin, and to her niece, Ann, daughter of her sister Ann, who married Rev. Joseph Lovett. His first wife, Elizabeth, mother of all his children, died 14 Dec., 1726.

John Holmes, Jr., married Mary Harris, born 1 Nov., 1702, daughter of James Harris and Sarah Rogers. Thomas Holmes, another of the name who was an inhabitant of the North Parish of New London, is said to have been born in London, England, and came to New England in 1663, married Lucretia Dudley, daughter of Thomas Dudley of New York. Had a son John, born 11 March, 1686, who settled in Haddam, Conn. Thomas, the father, died at Haddam, 12 Dec., 1724, aged probably about 95 years. John of Haddam was probably his only child.

A deed from Thomas Bill of New London to Samuel Holmes, dated 15 Feb., 1749, conveys land at a place called Pomechaug (in the North Parish of New London, now Montville), "beginning seven rods west from a spring that comes out from under a ledge adjoining Samuel Avery's fence, on said Avery's land twenty-seven rods, with the right of a cart way to and from the river to usual landing place, thence to Peregreen Gardner's land to Norwich road." This same land was conveyed by Samuel Holmes to Ebenezer Smith in March, 1749-50. On the 27th day of August, 1750, Samson Haughton conveyed to Samuel Holmes "land near Poles Hill running

to Saw-mill Brook and adjoining land of John Vibber," containing 25 acres.

This last-named piece of land was conveyed by Samuel Holmes, 6 April, 1754, to Luke Perkins.

This Samuel Holmes was a resident of the North Parish and died about 1774, aged fifty-two years. His will, dated August 4, 1774, names his wife as executrix, but does not give her name. He says there are eleven children, and only names one, his daughter Prudence, "who is incapacitated to help herself." He was the owner of twelve acres of land with a dwelling thereon, which was located on the North side of Saw-mill Brook (Oxoboxo), a few rods below the Vincent Woolen Mill. The land was afterward included in the Alpheus Chapman farm, and later owned by John McAlpine. After his death his wife is supposed to have removed to Salem and lived with her son, Samuel, until her death, Sept. 20, 1820.

In the old Salem burying-ground there are several by the name of Holmes whose gravestones appear there. Upon one stone in the group of the Holmeses is the name "Lucretia, wife of Samuel Holmes, Died Sept. 20, 1820, aged 93 years," which shows that she was born about 1727, and would correspond with the age of the Samuel Holmes who purchased land in North Parish in 1749. Assuming that the Lucretia Holmes, born about 1727, was the wife of Samuel Holmes, we have a basis upon which to proceed in the lineage of the Holmes families.

This Samuel Holmes was probably the son of Elisha Holmes and Sarah Bartlett, daughter of Joseph Bartlett of Plymouth, Mass., born about 1722, and married Lucretia

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#### Children.

2. Jabez, b. about 1748; m. Lydia Harris.
3. Elisha, b. about 1756; m. Sarah Harris.
4. Samuel, b. about 1763; m. Lucy ———.
5. Nathan, b. about           ; m.           .

JABEZ (2), b. about 1748, son of Samuel Holmes and Lucretia ———; married Lydia Harris, born about 1754, daughter of Ephraim Harris.

He settled in Chesterfield Society, a farmer. He died 22 April, 1814. She died 1 Jan., 1826.

#### Children.

6. Ephraim, b. ; died young.
7. Bartlett, b. 8 Oct., 1789; m. Mary Stanton Kimball.
8. Charles, b. ; m. Hannah Latimer.
9. Nathan, b. ; m. Lydia Bushnell.
10. Jonathan Gilbert, b. 27 Sept., 1797; m. Eliza Ann Cobb.
11. Harris, b. about 1799; died 27 Sept., 1822.
12. Lovina, b. ; m. Zadoc Wickwire.
13. Hannah, b. ; m. Jason Chapman.

ELISHA (3), b. 27 Oct., 1756, supposed son of Samuel Holmes and Lucretia ———; married Sarah Harris, born 7 March, 1762, daughter of Ephraim Harris and ———. He settled in Chesterfield Society, a farmer. He died 21 Dec., 1845. She died 9 April, 1839.

#### Children.

14. Sarah, b. 15 Dec., 1784; m. Robert Bishop.
15. Charlotte, b. ; m. Philo Holcomb.
16. Pauline, b. ; m. Noah Wood.
17. Lucretia, b. ; m. ——— Brown.
18. Lois, b. ; m. Jonathan Forsyth.
19. Mary, b. ; died young.
20. Samuel, b. ; died , unkm.
21. Elisha Harlow, b. 29 Oct., 1799; m. Lydia Allen.
22. Griswold, b. 29 Oct., 1801; m. 1st, Mary Ann Forsyth;  
2d, Widow Josephine Hinman.
23. Ellis or Alice, b. ; died , unkm.

CAPT. BARTLETT (7), b. 8 Oct., 1789, son of Jabez Holmes and Lydia Harris; married 1 Jan., 1809, Mercy S. Kimball, born 11 Oct., 1788, daughter of Nathan Kimball, born 10 Dec., 1767; and Alice Harris, daughter of Ephraim Harris.

## Children.

24. Harta Parmelia, b. 9 Nov., 1809.
25. Alice Lucinda, b. 11 Nov., 1811.
26. Robert Stanton, b. 27 May, 1813.
27. Henry Jabez, b. 20 May, 1815.
28. Mary Ann, b. 8 Dec., 1817.
29. Harris Stanton, b. 10 Sept., 1820.
30. George Nelson, b. 2 Feb., 1823; m. Amanda Raymond Palmer.
31. Margaret Kimball, b. 22 July, 1825.
32. Maria Stanton, b. 30 Jan., 1828.
33. Sarah White, b. 27 Jan., 1831; m. James B. Palmer.
34. Joseph Bradford, b. 9 Jan., 1836.

GRISWOLD (22), b. 29 Oct., 1801, son of Elisha Holmes and Sarah Harris; married 20 May, 1834, Mary Ann Forsyth, born 9 May, 1813, and died 7 July, 1848. He then married, 2 March, 1854, Josephine H. Hinman. He settled in Chesterfield, a farmer. He died in New London, Oct., 1886.

## Children by Mary Ann.

35. Ellen Forsyth, b. 18 May, 1835.
36. John Griswold, b. 8 July, 1837; died young.
37. George Griswold, b. 8 July, 1839.
38. Mary Ellen, b. 2 Nov., 1841.
39. Sarah Elizabeth, b. 29 July, 1845.

## Children by Josephine.

40. Charles Burdett, b. 1 Feb., 1856.
41. Frank Hoyt, b. 27 May, 1858.
42. Albert Isham, b. 5 Aug., 1860.
43. Kate Bell, b. 24 Nov., 1864.

GEORGE NELSON (30), b. 2 Feb., 1823, son of Bartlett Holmes and Mercy Stanton Kimball; married 27 Nov., 1848, Amanda Raymond Palmer, daughter of Asher Palmer. She died and he married for his second wife, Althea T. Green, daughter of Edwin Green and Mary Geer.



## Children.

- 44. Althea Bartlett, b. 15 March, 1849; m. Hellen Maria Murdock.
- 45. Mary Louisa, b. 1 May, 1850; m. Robert B. Sherman.
- 46. Libbia Amelia, b. 4 Dec., 1852.
- 47. George James, b. 27 Feb., 1854.
- 48. Eddie Cogswell, b. 16 Feb., 1857.
- 49. Sarah Amanda, b. 16 May, 1858; m. James Howard.
- 50. William Palmer, b. 19 May, 1865; m. Rose C. Ford.

DR. SETII WYMOND HOLMES, b. about 1738, was another of the name who was an inhabitant of the North Parish of New London. He married 1st, Sarah Rogers, born 27 Oct., 1745, daughter of Alpheus Rogers and Grace Williams. He was a physician and farmer, lived at one time near his father-in-law, who then owned the farm now occupied by Augustus A. Parker. He afterwards moved to a place near what is now called Bartlett's Cove, and died at the house of his daughter, Betsey, wife of Samuel Green, now owned by Benjamin G. Rogers, whose wife was a granddaughter of Dr. Holmes. His first wife died 17 Sept., 1778. He then married Mary Bradford, daughter of John Bradford and Esther Sherwood. She died in March, 1837. Dr. Holmes served in the war of the Revolution; was captain of a company in the colonial regiment, commanded by Col. Samuel Chapman.

## Children by Sarah.

- 51. James, b.                   ; m. ———— Browning.
- 52. Salina Matilda, b.                   ; m. Jacob Loomis.

## Children by Mary.

- 53. John B., b. 23 June, 1780; m.
- 54. Henry, b.                   ; died at sea, aged 23 years.
- 55. Sally, b.                   ; m. Jeremiah Sheffield.
- 56. Betsey, b.                   ; m. Samuel Green.

## DOLBEARE FAMILIES.

John Dolbeare emigrated from Wales to America with his wife, whose name is not recovered, and settled at Boston, Mass., about the year 1720. His occupation was that of a brass founder. The coat of arms of the Dolbeare family, says tradition, exhibits the family once to have been the fourth family in the Kingdom of Great Britain.

It is reported that he had twenty-four children: twenty-two sons and two daughters. Lorenzo Dow says, "George Dolbeare the youngest was the twenty-fourth child." John Dolbeare purchased a tract of land of James Harris, situated between Gardner's Lake and Oxoboxo pond, and included the latter. This tract contained about one thousand acres, and perhaps more. After the death of Mr. Dolbeare, which occurred in Boston in 1725, all the real estate possessed by him in the North Parish of New London appears to have come into the possession of his son, George Dolbeare, who occupied and improved the land during his life. After his death it was distributed among his children.

A pitcher, which a few years ago was in the possession of Mr. Samuel Allen of New Hartford, is said to have been a gift from John Dolbeare of Boston, who was probably a brother to George, and the eldest son. The following inscription was engraved upon the side of the pitcher: "The gift of Mr. John Dolbeare of Boston, to the Church of Christ in New Salem, Conn., New England, October 1, 1737."

No records have been discovered that clearly indicate the number of children that Mr. John Dolbeare had, nor has any names of his children, except John and George, been recovered. He died at Boston, June 17, 1725.

II. GEORGE DOLBEARE, b. about 1715, probably the youngest son of John Dolbeare, the emigrant; m., about 1740, Mary Sherwood, b. about 1710. There were two large portraits of George Dolbeare and his wife, Mary, exhibited at the late Groton Centennial, Sept. 6, 1881, which belonged to Miss Lockwood of New London, a descendant. Mr. Dolbeare was a large landholder, and owned four saw-mills. He died 27 March, 1772, aged 57 years. She died 1 Jan., 1790, aged 80 years.

#### Children.

3. Mary, b. 19 Aug., 1740; m. William Avery.
4. Abigail, b. 31 July, 1743; m. Elisha Hinman.
5. John, b. 10 Sept., 1745; m. Sarah Raymond.
6. Samuel, b. 12 March, 1748; m. Hannah Mumford.
7. Hannah, b. 26 Dec., 1751; m. Guy Richards.
8. George Benjamin, b. 15 Jan., 1753; m. Margaret Fox.

III. JOHN (5), b. 29 Sept., 1745, son of George Dolbeare and Mary Sherwood; married 22 Dec., 1769, Sarah, daughter of Christopher Raymond and Eleanor Fitch. He settled in Montville on the farm bequeathed to him by his father, lying on the old Colchester road. This farm contained several hundred acres, which at his death was distributed among his children. He died 9 April, 1806. She died 9 June, 1828.

#### Children.

9. Sarah, b. 21 Jan., 1770; m. Adonijah F. Bradford.
10. James, b. 14 Nov., 1771; died young.
11. George, b. 1 Feb., 1774; m. Sarah Bradford.
12. Christopher, b. 10 June, 1776; m. Rosetta Cook.
13. Elisha, b. 23 June, 1778; m. Mary Fox.
14. Benjamin, b. 18 Dec., 1780; died unm.
15. Hannah, b. 16 April, 1783; m. William Bradford.
16. Eleanor, b. 10 July, 1785; m. Washington Fox.
17. John, b. 14 Sept., 1788; m. Eunice Morgan.
18. Daniel, b. 14 Aug., 1790; died young.
19. Mary, b. 25 Dec., 1791; m. John Vallet.

- 20. Lemuel R., b. 13 Feb., 1793; m. Eleanor Raymond.
- 21. Abigail, b. 5 Feb., 1796; died 25 Jan., 1885.

III. SAMUEL (6), b. 12 March, 1748, son of George Dolbeare and Mary Sherwood; married 29 Nov., 1770, Hannah Mumford, b. 26 Feb., 1747. He settled in New Salem Society, now Salem. He was a farmer, and a prominent citizen in the town. He died about 1832.

#### Children.

- 22. Mumford, b. 27 Oct., 1771; m. Rhoda Mason.
- 23. Abby, b. 1 April, 1774; m. Samuel Bradford.
- 24. Samuel, b. 19 Sept., 1780; m. Nabby Fox.

III. GEORGE BENJAMIN (8), b. 25 Dec., 1753, son of George Dolbeare and Mary Sherwood; married Margaret, daughter of Ezekiel Fox and Mehitabel Lamson. He was a farmer, and settled at Montville on the farm inherited from his father, located at the head of Oxoboxo Pond, and was afterwards known as the "Lorenzo Dow Place."

#### Children.

- 25. Lucy, b. 8 Jan., 1786; m. Rev. Lorenzo Dow.
- 26. Benjamin, b. 28 Oct., 1789.
- 27. Guy, b. 24 Nov., 1790; m. Abby Hazzard.
- 28. Marian, b. 20 Dec., 1796; m. Bishop Miner.
- 29. George, b. 22 March, 1799; m.

MARY (3), eldest daughter of George Dolbeare and Mary Sherwood; married Captain William Avery of Groton. They had a daughter, Hannah, b. 20 Feb., 1772; married 11 Dec., 1791, Benjamin Butler, eldest son of Dr. Benjamin Butler of Norwich. They settled at New London, where he was a shipping merchant. They afterwards removed to New York, where he was a broker for many years. They afterwards removed to his farm at Oxford, N. Y., where she died 5 Aug., 1829. He died 1 June, 1839. They had children, 1st, Ben-

jamin, b. 4 March, 1800; died unmarried; 2d, Julian Hyde, born 1794; 3d, Mary Dolbeare, b. 8 Jan., 1797; married 28 Nov., 1817, Nicholas Deveraux.

ABIGAIL (4), b. 31 July, 1743, daughter of George Dolbeare and Mary Sherwood; married March, 1777, Captain Elisha Hinman of New London. He was the youngest of three brothers who came from Woodbury, Conn., about 1760, and established themselves in New London. He was a veteran of the sea before the commencement of the Revolution, and took an early part in the contest. He commanded the *Cabot*, a continental brig, in the squadron of Commodore Hopkins, and afterwards succeeded Paul Jones in the ship *Alfred*, which he was unfortunately obliged to surrender to the *Arriadne* and *Ceres* on a return voyage from France, March 9, 1778. Being carried a prisoner to England, after a short confinement, he found friends who aided his escape to France, from whence he returned home. In 1779 he went out in the privateer sloop, *Hancock*, owned by Thomas Mumford, who was probably his brother-in-law. In this enterprise he was quite successful, and on June 1, 1780, he took command of the armed ship *Deane*. After several years' service in armed vessels, Captain Hinman cast aside the apparel of war, and entered into the mercantile line. He died in New London in 1807, aged 73 years.

HANNAH (7), b. 26 Nov., 1751, daughter of George Dolbeare and Mary Sherwood; married 17 June, 1773, Guy Richards, Jr., son of Guy Richards and Elizabeth ———. They settled in New London, where he was a merchant. They had twelve children: 1st, George, b. 1 June, 1774; 2d, Abigail, b. 15 Dec., 1775; 3d, Charles, b. 12 May, 1777; he died young; 4th, Peter, b. 11 July (?), 1778; 5th, Nathaniel, b. 26 Feb., 1780; 6th, Sophia, b. 6 Oct., 1781; 7th, Harriet, b. 20 Jan., 1783; 8th, Charles, b. 3 Jan., 1784; 9th, Sally, b. 25 May, 1786; 10th, Guy, b. 8 Jan., 1788; 11th, Fanny, b. 28 May, 1791; 12th, Eliza, b. 9 April, 1795.

IV. GEORGE (11), b. 1 Feb., 1774, son of John Dolbeare and Sarah Raymond; married 16 Feb., 1797, Sarah Bradford, daughter of Samuel Bradford and Bridget Comstock. He was a farmer, and settled in Montville. He lived for several years on the "Fort Hill Farm," at Mohegan. In the year 1850 he purchased the "Andrew Maples Farm," and died there 11 Dec., 1852. She died there 22 April, 1866, aged 92 years.

Children.

30. William B., b. 28 Nov., 1799; m. 1st, Nancy Raymond; 2d, Abby Woodworth.
31. George F., b. 23 Feb., 1802; m. 1st, Abby Church; 2d, Hannah (Church) Mathews.
32. Sarah, b. 9 Dec., 1804; died young.
33. Sarah R., b. 6 Nov., 1807; was living in 1896, unm.
34. Margaret, b. 7 June, 1810; m. Stephen Bradley.
35. Ellen, b. 29 June, 1813; m. David R. Dolbeare.
36. Cornelia F., b. 23 Feb., 1818; m. Edwin Lathrop.

IV. CHRISTOPHER (12), b. 10 June, 1776, son of John Dolbeare and Sarah Raymond; married 17 Nov., 1803, Rosetta Cook, b. 7 April, 1787, daughter of Rev. Rozel Cook. He was a farmer, and settled in Montville. He occupied the farm lying west of his brother Lemuel's, which was a part of his father's estate. He died 7 May, 1846. She died 2 Jan., 1866.

Children.

37. Lucy Tuttle, b. 22 Sept., 1804; m. Elisha Martin in 1829.
38. Rozel Cook, b. 10 June, 1807; removed West.
39. Eleanor Fox, b. 24 May, 1812; m. 1st, ——— Griswold; 2d, Rev. Rozel Palmer.
40. Mary Abby, b. 17 July, 1816; m.
41. Harriet Elizabeth, b. 25 Aug., 1821; m. ——— Bennett.

IV. ELISHA (13), b. 23 June, 1778, son of John Dolbeare and Sarah Raymond; married 19 Sept., 1802, Mary,

daughter of Samuel Fox and Anna Hill. He was a farmer, and settled at Montville. He lived on the farm lying west of the town farm, on the road to Chesterfield. He was a member of the Congregational church. He with his wife united with the church 24 Feb., 1811. He died 24 June, 1842. She died 3 May, 1863, aged 80 years.

#### Children.

42. Elisha H., b. 14 July, 1803; died young.
43. Griswold H., b. 18 March, 1805; married and settled in Georgia.
44. Mary Ann, b. 26 July, 1807; died unm.
45. David R., b. 10 June, 1808; m. 1st, Elizabeth Raymond; 2d, Ellen F. Dolbeare.
46. Martha P., b. 1 Jan., 1810.
47. Nancy Fox, b. 27 May, 1818; died 3 May, 1859, unm.
48. Fanny Fox, b. 1 Dec., 1822; died 16 Aug., 1848, unm.

IV. JOHN (17), b. 14 Sept., 1788, son of John Dolbeare and Sarah Raymond; married 3 Feb., 1816, Eunice Morgan, b. 12 Oct., 1795, daughter of Joseph Morgan and Eunice Perkins of Groton. He was a farmer, and settled in Salem. She died there 2 June, 1855.

#### Children.

49. Lemuel R., b. 18 Dec., 1817; died at New London, 8 March, 1835, supposed to have been murdered.
50. John Sherwood, b. 18 July, 1819; m. Maria Phillips in 1855.
51. Joseph M., b. 18 April, 1822; m. Eunice E. Goodwin in 1852.
52. Sarah R., b. 18 Oct., 1826; m. Gurdon F. Allen in 1852.

IV. LEMUEL RAYMOND (20), b. 13 Feb., 1793, son of John Dolbeare and Sarah Raymond; married 6 Dec., 1818, Eleanor, daughter of Mulford Raymond and Eleanor Bradford. He was a farmer, and settled on the homestead of his father. He was a thrifty farmer, and successful in that line

of business. Both were members of the Congregational Church at Montville Center. She died 29 Jan., 1851. He died 14 May, 1859.

Children.

- 53. Harriet R., b. 19 Nov., 1819; m. Augustus A. Parker.
- 54. Ellen B., b. 5 Oct., 1821; died 20 June, 1875, unm.
- 55. Jane, b. 18 Oct., 1823; m. Nathan C. Chapel, 3 Sept., 1850, and had one son, Raymond D., b. 13 May, 1852.
- 56. Louisa M., b. 3 Nov., 1825; m. James W. Hillhouse.

IV. MUMFORD (22), b. 27 Oct., 1771, son of Samuel Dolbeare and Hannah Mumford; married Jan., 1800, Rhoda Mason, daughter of Jeremiah Mason of Lebanon. He was a farmer. His children were born in Montville. He removed to Lebanon about 1830, and died there 8 Sept., 1835. She died 31 Jan., 1840.

Children.

- 57. Sophia E., b. 9 Oct., 1803; m. Jeremiah Hutchins, 27 May, 1857.
- 58. Edwin Mumford, b. 25 Jan., 1806.
- 59. William A., b. 16 Nov., 1808; died 27 Nov., 1852.
- 60. Jeremiah F., b. 4 March, 1811; m. Eliza Ann Pearce, 28 March, 1833.
- 61. Samuel P., b. twin to Jeremiah; m. Sophrona S. Gurley, 7 April, 1838.
- 62. Rhoda M., b. 11 June, 1821; m. Edward L. Strong, 15 Feb., 1871.

IV. SAMUEL (24), b. about 1780, son of Samuel Dolbeare and Hannah Mumford; married Abigail Fox, daughter of Jesse Fox. He was a farmer, and settled in Lebanon, where he died 13 July, 1850. She died in April, 1869. He had one son.

- 63. Francis Henry, b. 22 May, 1808; m. Lenora A. Chapman, 29 Aug., 1836. He went to California about 1848, and never returned, and is supposed to have died there.



IV. GUY (27), b. 24 Nov., 1790, son of George Dolbeare and Margaret Fox; married 18 Feb., 1816, Abby Hazard. He was a farmer, and settled at Montville, and occupied the farm next west of the "Lorenzo Dow Place." He died 17 June, 1823.

Children.

- 64. Hannah, b. 20 Dec., 1816; m. John Blanchard.
- 65. Susan M., b. 30 Oct., 1818; died
- 66. James G., b. 19 March, 1820; m. 1st, ——— Burrows;  
2d, ——— Burrows.
- 67. Abby Sabina, b. 4 April, 1822; m. L. L. Button.

V. WILLIAM B. (30), b. 28 March, 1799, son of George Dolbeare and Sarah Bradford; married 1st, Nancy Raymond, daughter of George Raymond and Martha Smith; 2d, Abby S. Woodworth, 1 April, 1835, daughter of Joshua E. Woodworth. He was a farmer, and lived on the "Fort Hill Farm," in Mohegan. He was a member of the Mohegan Congregational Church, and was chosen deacon. He was respected as a Christian, and honored as a citizen. He died ———.

Children by Nancy.

- 68. Raymond, b. July, 1822; m. Lydia Bushnell.
- 69. Frederick, b. 1825; m. Minnie Lewis.

Children by Abby S.

- 70. Nancy G., b. 15 Jan., 1836; m. Alburdis Peckham.
- 71. Edward B., b. 25 Feb., 1838; died young.
- 72. Maria M., b. 25 June, 1840; m. Eleazer Fargo.
- 73. Joshua E., b. 23 Sept., 1842; m. Fannie Champlin.
- 74. George B., b. 4 April, 1845; m. Mary J. Smith.
- 75. Harlem P., b. 7 Nov., 1848; living in 1896, unm.
- 76. Arcanna, b. 15 Feb., 1851; died 26 Aug., 1878, unm.

V. GEORGE FELLOWS (31), b. 23 Feb., 1802, son of George Dolbeare and Sarah Raymond; m. 1st, Abby Church, 6 March, 1825, daughter of Peleg Church and Mary

Leach; 2d, Hannah A. (Church) Mathews, 26 July, 1846, widow of Alphens Mathews. He was a farmer, and located in Mohegan. He died 29 Oct., 1887. She was living in 1896.

Children by Abby.

- 77. John, b. 3 Jan., 1828; m. Annie Guile.
- 78. Mary, b. about 1826; m. Thomas B. Woodworth.

Children by Hannah.

- 79. Anson G., b. 4 March, 1847; died 13 Dec., 1871. Lost from the schooner Era off Montauk Point.
- 80. Anna, b.
- 81. George, b.
- 82. Irene E., b. 13 June, 1848.
- 83. Charles, b. about 1854; died 11 Feb., 1869.
- 84. Edwin L., b. 30 June, 1852; drowned 10 Jan., 1888.
- 85. Henry H., b.

V. DAVID (45), b. 10 June, 1808, son of Elisha Dolbeare and Mary Fox; m. 1st, 6 Dec., 1829, Elizabeth G. Raymond, daughter of George Raymond and Martha Smith. She died without issue 21 Dec., 1836. He then married 2d, 11 Sept., 1838, Ellen Dolbeare, daughter of George Dolbeare and Sarah Bradford. He settled in Montville, and was a farmer. She died at Montville 9 May, 1889. He was living there in 1896.

Children.

- 86. Thomas W., b. 1 Oct., 1842; m. Eliza Champlin.
- 87. James S., b. 21 Dec., 1840; died 21 Oct., 1854.
- 88. Henry C., b. 23 Jan., 1844; m. Alice Whaley.
- 89. Horatio B., b. 9 May, 1846; m. ——— Chapel.
- 90. Sarah Ellen, b. 31 Dec., 1848; died 21 Jan., 1851.
- 91. Mary Elizabeth, twin to Sarah Ellen, died 25 June, 1880, unm.
- 92. John, b. 1 Dec., 1853; m. Sarah A. Whaley.

V. EDWIN MUMFORD (58), b. 25 Jan., 1806, son of Mumford Dolbeare and Rhoda Mason; was born in Montville.

After completing his education, he went into business as a merchant in New York. His health becoming much impaired, he was obliged to give up the business, and went to Lebanon about 1850, where he was engaged in farming. He was a member of the Congregational Church in Lebanon, a man of integrity and upright character. He was honored by his fellow citizens by electing him to important offices. He represented the town in the State Legislature in 1860, and the Ninth Senatorial District in the Senate in 1863. A justice of the peace, selectman, and for four years judge of the Probate Court. He died at Lebanon 23 March, 1895, leaving no children.



DOLBEAR HOUSE. NOHEGAN.



## RUDD FAMILIES.

Jonathan and Nathaniel Rudd were brothers, and probably were sons of the Jonathan Rudd who was married by John Winthrop, Esq., at Bride Brook, in the winter of 1646-7. This marriage is graphically related by Miss Fanny Caulkins in the History of New London.

Jonathan Rudd settled east of the Shetucket River in what is now the town of Preston, and Nathaniel at the West Farms, in what is now called the town of Franklin. He was one of the organizers of the first church in Franklin.

Nathaniel married 16 April, 1685, Mary, daughter of John Post. She died in November, 1705. He then married 21 Jan., 1706, Abigail Hartshorn. He died in April, 1727, leaving an estate valued at £680.

### Children by Mary.

2. Jonathan, b. 22 May, 1693; m. Joanna Gregory.
3. Mary, b. 3 Feb., 1695; m. Ebenezer Wood.
4. Lydia, b. 22 Jan., 1699; died young.

### Children by Abigail.

5. Nathaniel, b. 6 April, 1707.
6. Joseph, b. 31 Oct., 1708.
7. Daniel, b. 12 March, 1710; m. 1st, —————; 2d, Mary Metcalf.
8. Sarah, b. 23 Jan., 1712.
9. Abigail, b. 6 Aug., 1713.
10. Lydia, b. 12 April, 1715.
11. Anna, b. 7 Feb., 1717.
12. Susanna, b. 15 May, 1719.
13. Gideon, b. 2 Feb., 1722.
14. Patience, b. 6 Nov., 1723.

JONATHAN (2), b. 22 May, 1693, son of Nathaniel Rudd and Mary Post; married 27 Oct., 1720, Joanna Gregory,

born about 1692. He settled at Norwich, where he died 29 Aug., 1772. She died 12 Oct., 1774.

#### Children.

15. Samuel, b. 11 Sept., 1722; m. Laura Fitch.
16. Rebecca, b. 14 Jan., 1727; m. Abner Smith.
17. Joanna, b. 23 Dec., 1729; m. Joseph Peck.
18. Caroline, b. 13 March, 1732; died 9 April, 1732.
19. Jonathan, b. 13 Sept., 1733; m. Tabitha Ormsly.

DANIEL (7), b. 12 March, 1710, son of Nathaniel Rudd and Abigail Hartshorn; married for his second wife, 1 July, 1745, Mary Metcalf, daughter of Rev. Joseph Metcalf of Falmouth, Maine. She had previously been living with relatives in Lebanon, Conn., to which place she came from her far-off home, according to traditions, in a three-days journey, riding on a pillion behind Capt. James Fitch.

Daniel, Jr., b. 10 Jan.; married Abigail Allen, b. about 1757, daughter of Joseph Allen and Priscilla Bill of Montville. She died 29 Feb., 1857, wanting only a few months of being 100 years of age.

#### Children.

20. Lucy, b. about 1784; m. 1st, Capt. Henry Caldwell of the U. S. Marines, and 2d, Major-General Burbeck, an officer of the Revolutionary War, and that of 1812. General Burbeck died at New London, 2 Oct., 1848. She died
21. George, b. 8 Oct., 1786; m. Mary Arnold.
22. Thomas, b. ; m. Philura Abel.
23. Charlotte, b. ; m. Jonathan Reed.
24. Daniel, b. ; m. Widow Catherine (Hough) Underwood.

SAMUEL (15), b. 11 Sept., 1722, son of Jonathan Rudd and Joanna Gregory; married 25 Dec., 1750, Laura Fitch, b. 2 May, 1732, daughter of Jabez Fitch and Ann Knowlton.

He was a farmer and inn-keeper at Norwich. She died 20 Jan., 1781. He then married Ann Bingham. He died 22 Sept., 1795, at Franklin.

Children.

25. Laura, b. 11 Sept., 1751; died 4 Jan., 1754.
26. Prosper, b. 22 Nov., 1753; m. Eliza Lord.
27. Jonathan, b. 20 May, 1756; m. Mary Huntington.

JONATHAN (19), b. 13 Sept., 1733, son of Jonathan Rudd and Joanna Gregory; married 9 Dec., 1762, Tabitha Ormsly, b. 27 Feb., 1743. He settled at Norwich, where he died 17 March, 1777, with small-pox. She died 19 Sept., 1827, at Franklin.

Children.

28. Jedediah, b. 28 Aug., 1763; died 20 Feb., 1764.
29. Nancy, b. 3 July, 1765; m. Eliza Huntington.
30. Rebecca, b. 10 Aug., 1767; m. Othniel Gager.
31. Lydia, b. , 1769; m. Oliver Tracy.
32. Samuel, b. , 1771; m. Cornelia Ann Treat.

GEORGE (21), b. 8 Oct., 1786, son of Daniel Rudd and Abigail Allen; married 30 June, 1811, Mary Arnold, born 13 Oct., 1793, daughter of ————. He settled at Montville, a farmer; lived on the old Colchester road. Both were members of the Congregational Church at Montville Center. He died 12 March, 1866. She died 14 March, 1883.

Children.

33. Matilda, b. 21 Jan., 1811; m. Caleb Whipple.
34. Henry, b. 7 July, 1814; m. Sarah Brown.
35. George, b. 26 Feb., 1817; m. Ann Chappell.
36. Daniel, b. 23 Oct., 1820; died 13 March, 1888; unm.
37. Arnold, b. 8 Feb., 1823; m. 1st, Margaret Lyon; 2d, Louisa Congdon Beckwith.
38. Mariah, b. 1 July, 1827; died 13 Oct., 1828.
39. John, b. 26 Nov., 1829; m. Eliza Jane Austin.
40. Albert, b. 5 July, 1840; m. Eleanor Davenport.



## FELLOWES FAMILIES.

William Fellowes came to this country from England before 1641, and settled at Ipswich, Mass., and became an inhabitant of that town. It does not appear from which portion of England he came, nor the exact time of his arrival here. He was married before he left England, but the name of his wife is not known, nor when or where they were married. The names of his children are found in the last will.

### Children.

2. Ephraim, b. in England.
3. Samuel, b. in England.
4. Joseph, b. in England.
5. Isaac, b. in England; m. Joanna Brown.
6. Mary, b. in England.
7. Elizabeth, b. in New England.
8. Abigail, b. in New England.
9. Sarah, b. in New England.

II. ISAAC (5), b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of William Fellowes and \_\_\_\_\_; married Joanna Brown, 29 Jan., 1672.

### Children.

10. Isaac, b. 24 Nov., 1673.
11. Samuel, b. 8 Feb., 1676.
12. Ephraim, b. 3 Sept., 1679; m. Hannah Warner.
13. Jonathan, b. 18 Sept., 1682.
14. Jeremiah, b. 19 Nov., 1689.

III. EPHRAIM (12), b. 3d Sept., 1679, son of Isaac Fellowes and Joanna Brown; married Hannah Warner, 18 May, 1703. He settled first in Massachusetts, and afterwards removed to Stonington, Conn. His first children were born in

Massachusetts, but only Ephraim is recorded; all the others were born in Stonington.

#### Children.

15. Ephraim, b. in Mass. in 1705; m. Prudence Plumb.
16. Sarah, b. 3 Jan., 1711.
17. Nathan, b. June, 1714.
18. Nathaniel, b.       ; 1716.
19. Isaac, b. 19 Feb., 1719; m. Mary Wantham.
20. John, b. 8 Oct., 1722; died 22 April, 1723.
21. Jeremiah, b. 4 April, 1724.
22. Mary, b. 16 Aug., 1726; died 16 Sept., 1726.

IV. EPHRAIM (15), b.       , 1705, son of Ephraim Fellowes and Hannah Warner; married Prudence Plumb, 13 May, 1731. He settled in Stonington, Conn., where all his children were born.

#### Children.

23. Hannah, b. 28 Dec., 1731.
24. Ephraim, b. 2 Oct., 1733; m. Rhoda Smith.
25. George, b. 15 Aug., 1735; died 15 Dec., 1736.
26. Samuel, b. 4 Oct., 1737.
27. Warner, b. 13 Oct., 1739; died 3 Nov., 1739.
28. John, b. 7 Nov., 1740.
29. Prudence, b. 2 Nov., 1742.
30. Sarah, b. 28 Sept., 1744.
31. Joseph, b. 7 Oct., 1746.

IV. ISAAC (19), b. 19 Feb., 1719, son of Ephraim Fellowes and Hannah Warner; married Mary Wantham 13 Sept., 1742.

#### Children.

32. Mary, b.       , 1743.
33. Isaac, b.       , 1745.
34. William, b.       , 1747.
35. Bryington, b.       , 1749.
36. Thomas, b.       , 1753.
37. Joseph, b.       , 1754.

- 38. Elizabeth, b. , 1756.
- 39. Lucretia, b. , 1761.
- 40. Hannah, b. , 1763.
- 41. Sarah, b. , 1767.

V. EPHRAIM (24), b. 2 Oct., 1733, son of Ephraim Fellowes and Prudence Plumb; married Rhoda Smith 24 April, 1766. He settled in North Stonington.

Children.

- 42. Ephraim, b. 27 Jan., 1767; m. Dorothy Chester.
- 43. Jeremiah, b. 24 Feb., 1769; m. .
- 44. Rhoda, b. 3 Jan., 1771; died 12 June, 1782.
- 45. Asa, b. 15 March, 1773.
- 46. Martha, b. 2 Feb., 1775; m. Henry Robinson.
- 47. Prudence, b. 17 Oct., 1777; m. Nathan Miner.

VI. EPHRAIM (42), b. 27 Jan., 1767, son of Ephraim Fellowes and Rhoda Smith; married Dorothy Chester 4 April, 1802, daughter of Deacon Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Otis. He was born at Milltown, in North Stonington, and removed to Montville about 1801. At the time of his coming to Montville he was still unmarried, and for a time boarded with the family of Benjamin Atwell. He had studied medicine and located here as a young physician. He commenced the practice of medicine as soon as he came here and became a noted physician. At the time of his death he was one of the oldest physicians in the county of New London, and up to a short time before his death was remarkably active, both in mind and body. He was a man of extensive information, and possessed a very clear, strong mind. He was honored by being elected to fill important town offices, and in 1830 was a representative from the town in the State legislature. He died at Montville 18 July, 1851. She died at Montville 24 March, 1854.

Children.

- 48. Francis, b. 20 Nov., 1803; m. Mary Colton.
- 49. John, b. 12 Dec., 1805; m. Maria Noble.

50. Mary Ann, b. 18 March, 1808; m. Rev. Spencer F. Beard, 2d wife.
51. Adeline, b. 7 Oct., 1810; m. Rev. Hiram Smith.
52. Caroline, b. twin to Adeline; died Oct., 1813.
53. Rhoda S., b. 14 May, 1812; died 17 May, 1891, unm.
54. Caroline, b. 7 Aug., 1815; m. Abishai A. Parker.
55. Jane, b. April, 1818; died 6 July, 1820.
56. Jane, b. 6 July, 1820; m. John A. Crowe.
57. Frances Gertrude, b. 15 Sept., 1826; died 17 Sept., 1877, unm.

VII. FRANCIS (48), b. 20 Nov., 1803, son of Dr. Ephraim Fellowes and Dorothy Chester; married in Nov., 1827, Mary Colton, daughter of Capt. Gad. Colton. She died at Hartford 29 March, 1861. He was an able lawyer in the city of Hartford during most of his life. He removed from Amherst, Mass., where he first settled, to Hartford, and commenced the practice of law about six years after he married. His practice was very extensive and his advice was sought for in some most difficult and important cases. He was a deep thinker and well understood points of law. In the last years of his life he spent much of his time on his farm in Montville, which was fitted up at considerable expense, making him and his family a fine summer residence. He married for his second wife Catherine Ann Humphreys, widow of John Humphreys, and daughter of Henry Glasgow of Va. He died at Hartford 25 April, 1888. She died at Hartford Feb., 1895.

#### Children.

58. Mary Elizabeth, b. 23 Aug., 1828; living in 1896, unm.
59. Francis, b. 8 May, 1830; m. Annie T. Clark.
- 59a. Genevere, b. 1 July, 1832; m. Abraham Baldwin.
60. Charles E., b. 17 June, 1834; m. Emily C. Baldwin 20 June, 1861, and had 1st, Caroline W., b. 18 April, 1862, in Orange, N. J.; m. 30 June, 1890, Rev. Frank I. Paradise of Andover, Mass., now Dean of Christ Church in New Orleans; 2d, Edward Colton, b. 22 Feb., 1864; m. Ethel A. Wilcox. He is now pastor of First Cong. Church, Derby, Conn.

Rev. Channing Colton, D.D., son of Gad. Colton and Ann Colton was brother-in-law of Francis Fellowes. He, with his brother-in-law, had charge at one time of Mount Pleasant Academy, near Amherst.

VII. JOIIN (49), b. 12 Dec., 1805, son of Dr. Ephraim Fellowes and Dorothy Chester; married 17 June, 1838, Maria Noble, b. 12 Aug., 1814, daughter of Roger Noble and Lucy Fitch. He settled at Montville, was a farmer. Bought the John Smith farm, on which he built a new dwelling-house about 1840. He was a member of the Congregational Church at Montville Center, and was chosen its deacon in 1848. He was treasurer of the town, and held other offices of trust in his native town. He died much respected 22 April, 1870. She died 21 Jan., 1892.

#### Children.

61. John Smith, b. 15 July, 1839; died 10 May, 1852.
62. Adeline Maria, b. 29 Jan., 1841; living in 1896, unm.
63. Marion, b. 13 Aug., 1843; m. Augustus D. Herrick.
64. Rhoda Helen, b. 11 July, 1845; m. Chas. C. Tiffany.
65. William Henry, b. 23 Dec., 1849; died 3 Oct., 1851.
66. Fanny, b. 13 June, 1857; died 26 July, 1857.
67. John Chester, b. 5 April, 1859; m. Emma Davis.

## CHAMPLIN FAMILIES.

The first of the name appears in Rhode Island in 1638. In that year Jeffery Champlin and others were admitted inhabitants of the island of Aquidneck, having submitted themselves to the government that is or shall be established.

September 7, 1640, Jeffery Champlin was admitted freeman. The same year he was granted ten acres of land in Newport. In 1661 he appears at Westerly, being admitted freeman in that town. He afterwards held the office of moderator of town meetings, surveyor of highways, and a member of the town council. He died in 1695. Where he came from, who he married, and the date of his birth, are facts which the records do not show.

### Children.

2. Jeffery, b. 1652; m.
3. William, b. 1654; m. Mary Babcock.
4. Christopher, b. 1656; m. 2d, Elizabeth Davol.

II. JEFFERY (2), b. 1652, son of Jeffery Champlin and ———; m. ———. He bought 600 acres of land of Anthony Low in Kings Town, R. I., in 1685. He and three others were appointed by the Assembly to proportion a tax in Kings Town, Sept. 16, 1690. He was an assistant in the Assembly from 1696 to 1715. He died in 1715.

### Children.

5. Jeffery, b. ———; m. 1st, Susanna Eldred; 2d, Hannah Hazzard; 3d, Susanna ———.

II. WILLIAM (3), b. 1654, son of Jeffery Champlin and ———; married Mary Babcock, daughter of James and

Sarah Babcock. He was admitted freeman at Westerly in 1681. Town meeting was held at his house the same year. Was juryman in 1684; member of the town council in 1684-5. In 1687 he and another were chosen to present a petition to Sir Edmund Andros for a town charter. Was deputy from 1690 to 1712. Jan. 30, 1698, he bought land between Quonacontaug and Pawcatuck River for £35 of Thomas Stanton, Joseph Stanton, Samuel Stanton, and Robert Stanton, who were four brothers, Joseph living at Quonacontaug, and the others at Stonington. Oct. 25, 1699, he and five others were given power to agree about boundaries between Connecticut and Rhode Island. He died Dec. 1, 1715. She died in 1747.

#### Children.

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|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 6. William, b. | ; m. Mary Clarke, Jan. 18, 1700.   |
| 7. Mary, b.    | ; m. John Babcock.                 |
| 8. Ann, b.     | ; m. Samuel Clarke, Jan. 19, 1699. |

II. CHRISTOPHER (4), b. 1656, son of Jeffery Champlin. He was twice married. His second wife was Elizabeth Davol, widow of William Davol. He was a member of the town council in 1693, constable in 1698, and deputy from 1706 to 1707. He died April 2, 1732, at Westerly, R. I. His last wife died in 1722. His inventory amounted to £189, 4s. 10d., and consisted of a farm of 150 acres, cattle, houses, pewter, old negro woman, etc.

#### Children.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9. Christopher, b. 26 Sept., 1684; | m. Elizabeth Denison. |
| 10. Jeffery, b.                    | ; m. Sarah ———.       |
| 11. William, b.                    | ; m. Joanna ———.      |
| 12. Joseph, b.                     | ; m. Sarah Brown.     |
| 13. John, b.                       | ; m. Elizabeth ———.   |

III. JEFFERY (5), b. ———, son of Jeffery Champlin and ———; married 1st, Susanna Eldred, daughter of Thomas and Susanna (Cole) Eldred; 2d, Hannah Hazzard, daughter

of Robert and Mary (Brownell) Hazzard; 3d, Susanna ———. He died in 1718. His inventory, amounting to 1,457 lbs. 7s. 1d., consisting of wearing apparel, 35 lbs., riding horse, five beds, two warming pans, four fleck beds, pair worsted combs, three woolen wheels, linen wheel, two guns, ten silver spoons 7 lbs. 16s., pair of silver clasps, and other old silver 15s, piece of gold 1 lb. 1s, silver money 5s. 5d., six horses, four mares, colt, bull, forty-two cows, six working cattle, sixteen steers, nine heifers, twenty-one two-year-old, twenty-nine yearlings, twenty-three horse kind, young and old, 312 sheep, eighteen swine, negro 50 lbs., negro woman 40 lbs. His will proved March 10, 1713.

#### Children.

14. Emblem, b. 30 Jan., 1702.
15. Jeffery, b. 2 Feb., 1703. 2d wife.
16. Thomas, b. 3 Sept., 1708.
17. Stephen, b. 16 Feb., 1710.
18. William, b. 3 March, 1713. 3d wife.
19. Hannah, b. 11 June, 1714.
20. John, b. 12 Feb., 1717.

III. WILLIAM (6), b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of William Champlin and Mary (Babcock) Champlin; married 18 Jan., 1700, Mary Clarke, b. 27 Dec., 1680, daughter of Joseph and Bethia (Hubbard) Clarke. He died in 1747 at Westerly, R. I. She died in 1760. Will proved 29 Dec., 1747. Inventory 821 lbs. 4s. 9d., viz.: Wearing apparel 27 lbs. 17s., silver tankard 36 lbs., powder 10 lbs. 16s., warming pan, woolen wheel, linen wheel, mare 25 lbs., negro girl Dinah 150 lbs., pair of oxen, six cows, eight yearlings, four calves, Indian girl twelve years old, if she belongs to the estate, 40 lbs., etc.

#### Children.

21. William, b. 31 May, 1702; m. Sarah Thompson.
22. Jeffery, b. 6 March, 1704; m. Mary Maxon.
23. Joseph, b. \_\_\_\_\_
24. Joshua, b. \_\_\_\_\_



- 25. James, b.
- 26. Susanna, b.

III. CHRISTOPHER (9), b. 1684, son of Christopher Champlin and ———; m. 5 Dec., 1705, Elizabeth Denison, b. 11 Sept., 1689, daughter of George and Mercy (Gorham) Denison. Settled at Westerly, R. I.

Children.

- 27. Christopher, b. 30 Nov., 1707.
- 28. Joseph, b. 4 Aug., 1709.
- 29. Elijah, b. 20 July, 1711.
- 30. Ann, b. 29 March, 1714; m. ——— Gardner.
- 31. George, b. 15 Feb., 1716.
- 32. Elizabeth, b. 10 Jan., 1719; m. ——— Belcher.
- 32a. Thankful, b. 27 March, 1721.
- 33. Lydia, b. 19 Nov., 1723.
- 34. Elijah, b. 23 May, 1726.
- 35. Jabez, b. 31 Aug., 1728.
- 36. Oliver, b. 12 May, 1730.
- 37. Mary, b. 29 June, 1731.

III. WILLIAM (11), b. ———, son of Christopher Champlin and ———; married Joanna ———. Lived at Westerly and New London.

Children.

- 38. William, b. ———, 1718.
- 39. John, b. ———.
- 40. Samuel, b. ———, 1724; m. Hannah Gardner, dau. of Henry Gardner.

IV. SAMUEL (40), b. about 1724, son of William and Joanna; married about 1746, Hannah Gardner, b. about 1729, daughter of Henry Gardner of South Kingston. He died March 9, 1808. She died ———, 1806, aged 77 years, 6 mos.

## Children.

41. Hannah, b. Dec., 1747; m. William Champlin, son of Oliver.
42. Martha, b. 27 Jan., 1750.
43. Mary, b. 16 Aug., 1754.
44. Henry, b. 18 Jan., 1756.
45. Samuel, b. 18 Sept., 1758; m. Jan. 12, 1780, Freelove Ross, dau. of Isaac Ross of Westerly, R. I.
46. Oliver, b. 17 March, 1761; m. Thankful Gavit.
47. Abigail, b. 23 Jan., 1764, m. ——— Slatterly.
48. Hannah, b. 10 June, 1767.

V. SAMUEL (45), b. 18 Sept., 1758, son of Samuel and Hannah Gardner; married Jan. 12, 1780, Freelove Ross, b. May 26, 1759, daughter of Isaac Ross of Westerly, R. I.

## Children.

49. Mary (Polly), b. 12 May, 1781; died unn., 17 Dec., 1858.
50. Martha (Patty), b. 20 May, 1783; died young.
51. Isaac, b. 5 Jan., 1786; m. Mary Hurlburt of New London.
52. Samuel, b. 14 Sept., 1788; m. 1st, Parthenia Rogers, and 2d, Hannah Arnold.
53. Amy, b. 9 March, 1791; m. Job Taylor.
54. Phebe, b. 21 Nov., 1794; m. Benjamin Rogers.
55. Martha, b. 19 Nov., 1800; m. Jonathan W. Sisson.

V. OLIVER (46), b. 17 March, 1761, son of Samuel Champlin and Hannah Gardner; married ——— Thankful Gavit. He settled in Montville, was a farmer. He died 13 April, 1830. She died 17 Oct., 1841.

## Children.

56. John, b. 10 Aug., 1781; m. Sally Williams.
57. Abby, b. ———, 1783; died 5 Dec., 1816, unn.

VI. SAMUEL (52), b. 14 Sept., 1788, son of Samuel Champlin and Freelove Ross; married 1st, Parthenia Rogers,

29 Dec., 1816, daughter of Frederick Rogers and Parthenia Baker. He settled in Montville and lived the most of his married life at Massapeng. He was a mariner. His first wife died about 20 Jan., 1837. He then married Hannah Arnold of Rhode Island. He died at Montville 17 Dec., 1857.

#### Children by Parthenia.

58. Frederick W., b. 28 Sept., 1817; m. Elizabeth Richards.
59. Martha Ann Mercy, b.           , 1820; m. 1st, Peleg Williams; 2d, Joseph Reynolds; 3d, Theodore Crandall.
60. Augusta Parthenia, b. 24 May, 1823; m. Richard Church.
61. Joseph Edwin, b.           , 1825; m. 1st, Almira Harts-horn; 2d, Catherine Newell.
62. Samuel, b. 20 May, 1828; m. Martha Elizabeth Maxon.
63. Alonzo, b.           , 1830; m. Sarah Masters.
64. Caleb Baker, b. Dec., 1832; m. Josephine Loomer; died 17 Jan., 1879.
65. Azel Fitch, b.           , 1835; m. Harriet Smith.

#### Children by Hannah.

66. Matilda A., b.           ; m. Charles Fletcher.
- 66a. Josephine E., b.           .

VI. JOHN (56), b. 10 Aug., 1781, son of Oliver Champ-lin and Thankful Gavit; married Sally Williams, daughter of ————, 11 Feb., 1802. He was a farmer and lived near the head of Oxoboxo Pond. He died 29 Dec., 1841. She died 11 Dec., 1819, aged 68 years.

#### Children.

67. John J., b. 21 March, 1803; m.           .
68. Oliver, b. 2 Feb., 1805; m.           .
69. Clarissa, b. 17 Feb., 1807; m. Lyman Miner.
70. Abby, b. 7 March, 1809; m. Salmen C. Vibber.
71. Isaac S., b. 17 Dec., 1810; m. Sophrona Gardner.
72. William, b. 18 Dec., 1812; m.           .
73. Mary Ann, b. 7 Sept., 1814; unm.

74. Thomas A., b. 18 July, 1816; died young.
75. Thomas W., b. 9 Sept., 1817; m. Linda Wickwire.

VII. ISAAC S. (71), b. 17 Dec., 1810, son of John Champlin and Sally Williams; married Nov. 25, 1833, Sophrona Gardner, daughter of Gilbert Gardner and Selina Holms, daughter of George Holms of Salem, Conn. He was a farmer, lived on the old Colchester road, near Oxoboxo. He died 6 Sept., 1890. She died 2 Feb., 1887.

Children.

76. Alfred, b. 27 March, 1834; m. Harriet Harper.
77. William, b. 2 Jan., 1835; m.
78. Sarah, b. 16 Jan., 1837; m. Albert De Wolf.
79. Henry W., b. 11 Feb., 1840; m. Isabella McAlpine.
80. Mary, b. 25 Oct., 1842; m. Elisha W. Vibber.
81. Amy, b. 3 April, 1845; m. Thomas W. Day.
82. John, b. 8 April, 1847; m. Emma Bishop.
83. Nelson G., b. 3 May, 1850; died 27 July, 1873.

V. ROWLAND, b. 8 Jan., 1742, son of William Champlin (21) and Sarah Thompson; married 1st, Hannah Stetson; 2d, Anna Babcock, b. 9 Nov., 1752; married 10 May, 1777. His first wife died in 1776. He died 4 Nov., 1812.

Children by Hannah.

84. Isaac.
85. Hampton.
86. Fanny.
87. Desire.
88. Paul.
89. Rowland.

Children by Anna.

90. Hannah, b. 29 Oct., 1778; died young.
91. Nathan, b. 7 Sept., 1780; m.
92. Jeffery, b. 27 Aug., 1782; died 14 March, 1813.
93. Nancy, b. 13 Aug., 1785.
94. Hannah, b. 25 July, 1787; died 13 June, 1819.

- 95. Henry, b. 24 April, 1789.
- 96. Jonathan, b. 29 Sept., 1792; died young.
- 97. Betsey, b. 20 April, 1798; died young.

VI. NATHAN (91), b. 7 Sept., 1780, son of Rowland Champlin and Ann Babcock; married 1 July, 1804, Lydia Woodward, b. 7 May, 1786. She died 26 April, 1850. He afterwards married for his second wife Louisa Demming. He was a ship carpenter. Settled in Norwich, Conn., where he died at the advanced age of about 90 years.

Children.

- 98. Betsey Good, b. 1 Nov., 1805; died 3 Feb., 1810.
- 99. Susanna Caroline, b. 19 July, 1807; m. David Butts.
- 100. Lydia Ann, b. 15 May, 1809; m. Philip Ellis.
- 101. Peter Woodward, b. 21 Mch., 1811; died 11 Oct., 1836.
- 102. Walter King, b. 29 Mch., 1813; m. Mary Hunter.
- 103. Elias Corning, b. 6 June, 1815; died 9 June, 1837.
- 104. Oliver Wolcott, b. 20 June, 1817; m. Sarah A. Butterfield.
- 105. Happy Kinne, b. 30 Jan., 1819.
- 106. Charlotte W., b. 23 Aug., 1821; died young.
- 107. Joseph Walter, b. 12 Aug., 1823; m. Louisa Drury.
- 108. Francis Ingersoll, b. 27 Feb., 1826; m. Sarah C. Robinson.
- 109. Edward L., b. 6 June, 1829.

VII. FREDERICK (58), b. 28 Sept., 1817, son of Sannel Champlin and Parthenia Rogers; married 27 July, 1842, Elizabeth A. Richards, b. 24 April, 1823, daughter of Edmund Richards and Lydia Bolles. He was a mariner and master of several vessels. Capt. Champlin was a very careful and trusty seaman, being accustomed to the sailor's life from his youth, was a remarkably good pilot and managed his craft with great skill. He was a kind husband and father, and died at his own home on "The Point" (Massapeag) much respected by all his circle of friends, 24 Feb., 1876. She was living at the old homestead in 1896.

## Children.

- 110. William Henry, b. 14 Oct., 1843; m. Grace M. Bolles.
- 111. Eliza Jane, b. 25 Dec., 1845; m. Thomas W. Dolbeare.
- 112. Francis Isabelle, b. 2 March, 1850; m. Joshua E. Woodworth.
- 113. Eva Parthenia, b. 28 July, 1853; m. Charles N. Rogers.
- 114. Frederick Robert, b. 24 Feb., 1860; m. Aurora Kent.
- 115. Charles E., b. 11 Feb., 1863.

## WICKWIRE FAMILIES.

John Wickwire was an early settler on lands in the North Parish of New London, now Montville. He first appears on the list of the inhabitants in New London in 1676, and was one of the signers of the patent of New London, which was sanctioned by the governor and company, 14 Oct., 1704. He married 6 Nov., 1676, Mary Tonge, b. 17 Sept., 1656, daughter of George Tonge. Her sister Elizabeth married Fitz John Winthrop. Another sister married Joshua Baker. Three daughters of George Tonge appear to have been legatees of Richard Pool and inherited a large tract of land covering what is now called Pools or Poles Hill, and extending north through a valley now called "Quaco" to Stony Brook. This land was inherited by the Wickwire and Baker families. Madam Winthrop, relict of Governor Winthrop, at her death left legacies to "sister Wickwire's children." He died about 1712.

### Children.

2. George, b. 4 Oct., 1677.
3. Christopher, b. 8 Jan., 1679-80; m. Had children, Ichabod, Solon, Nathan, Elizabeth, Amy, Mary, Jane, Zebediah.
4. John, b. 2 Dec., 1685; m. Abigail Haughton, and had John, b. 15 May, 1708; Mary, b. 7 July, 1710, and Zariah, b. 13 Dec., 1713.
5. Elizabeth, b. 23 March, 1688-9.
6. Jonathan, b. 19 Feb., 1691-2; m. Had son, Alpheus, bap. 2 Sept., 1722, and daughter Catherine.
7. Peter, b. 2 March, 1694-5; m. Patience Chapel.
8. Ann, b. 25 Sept., 1679; m. James Brown and had son James, b. 7 Sept., 1715.
9. Phebe, b. about 1700; m. Joshua Baker.

II. PETER (7), b. 2 March, 1694-5, son of John Wickwire and Mary Tonge; married, about 1720, Patience Chapel, daughter of John Chapel and Sarah Lewis. He lived on the farm now owned by James H. Baker and adjoined to the farm of Gideon Baker. Peter Wickwire and his wife united with the church under the pastorate of Rev. James Hillhouse, 21 Nov., 1722. He died 21 Aug., 1744.

#### Children.

10. Peter, b. 11 March, 1724; m. Rhoda Scofield.
11. Sarah, b. 22 Jan., 1725-6; died young.
12. George, b. 7 Oct., 1727; m. Elizabeth Colver.
13. James, b. 8 July, 1729; died young.
14. Eunice, b. 2 Oct., 1730; died young.
15. Amy, b. 23 June, 1732; m.
16. Joseph, b. 22 June, 1734; m. ——— Story.
17. Jeremiah, b. 10 April, 1736; m. Phebe Baker.
18. Samuel, b. 8 May, 1738.
19. John, b. 5 May, 1740.
20. Ezekiel, b. 9 Nov., 1741.

III. JEREMIAH (17), b. 10 April, 1736, son of Peter Wickwire and Patience Chapel; m. 13 Dec., 1764, Phebe Baker, daughter of Joshua Baker and Phebe Wickwire. He was a farmer, and lived in Chesterfield. He died 31 July, 1807. She died 5 Feb., 1836, at the age of one hundred years.

#### Children.

21. Jeremiah, b. 24 July, 1766; m. Lydia Chapel.
22. Willard, b. 4 Dec., 1768; m. 1st, Hannah Chapel; 2d, Theoda Chapel.
23. Zadoc, b. 20 Jan., 1772; m. Lovina Holmes.

IV. JEREMIAH (21), b. 24 July, 1766, son of Jeremiah Wickwire and Phebe Baker; married 13 April, 1797, Lydia Chapel, daughter of Peter Chapel and Esther Douglass. He was a farmer. He does not appear to have lived in the town after about 1810, and probably removed to the State



of New York or to Nova Scotia, where many of the people of this town settled.

#### Children.

- 24. Polly, b. 26 June, 1798.
- 25. Nancy, b. 11 Oct., 1799.
- 26. George, b. 22 April, 1802.

IV. WILLARD (22), b. 4 Dec., 1768, son of Jeremiah Wickwire and Phebe Baker; married 1st, Hannah Chapel, daughter of Ezekiel Chapel and Sarah Gardner. She died 14 June, 1809. He then married for his second wife Theoda Chapel, daughter of Jedediah Chapel. He was a farmer, and lived on "Chapel Hill." He died 7 Nov., 1848. She died 5 Dec., 1865.

#### Children by Hannah.

- 27. Phebe, b. 25 Sept., 1796; m. Joseph L. Chapman.
- 28. Sally, b. 9 Nov., 1798; m. William Sharp.
- 29. Mercy, b. 10 April, 1801; m. Nathan Dart.
- 30. Gardner, b. 20 April, 1803; m. Abby Minard.
- 31. Peter, b. 18 Jan., 1805; m. Sally Minard.
- 32. Amy, b. 25 Nov., 1807; m. Charles Payne.

#### Children by Theoda.

- 33. Hannah, b. 9 March, 1812; m. Henry J. Fanning.
- 34. Linda, b. 25 Aug., 1818; m. Thomas W. Champlin.
- 35. Willard, b. 27 March, 1824; m. 1st, Laura L. Gates; 2d,  
———.

IV. ZADOC (23), b. 20 Jan., 1772, son of Jeremiah Wickwire and Phebe Baker; married, about 1800, Lovina Holmes, daughter of Jabez Holmes. He was a farmer living in Chesterfield. He removed to the State of New York about 1820, where he was a thrifty farmer, and died ———. He had children, Harriet, Burr, and Lydia, who married Caleb Manwaring, and John.

V. GARDNER (30), b. 20 April, 1803, son of Willard Wickwire and Hannah Chapel; married 28 March, 1828,

Abby Minard, daughter of George Minard. He was a farmer on Chapel Hill. He sold his farm in Montville in ———, and removed to Colchester. His wife died at Colchester, 8 July, 1876. He died at New London, at the residence of his son, Giles, 18 Jan., 1881.

Children.

- 36. Abby, b. 10 Feb., 1830; m. 1st, Joseph A. Buckingham; 2d, ——— Wheelock in 1848.
- 37. Lydia Ann, b. 27 Feb., 1831; m. John T. Balch, 1 Jan., 1855.
- 38. Giles G., b. 10 Jan., 1833; m. Mary Jane Crouch in 1858.
- 39. Maria A., b. 10 Feb., 1838; died unm.
- 40. Allen G., b. 8 April, 1843; m. Adia E. Locke.
- 41. Mary L., b. 16 Oct., 1849; m. Daniel W. Bliven in 1872.

V. PETER (31), b. 18 Jan., 1805, son of Willard Wickwire and Hannah Chapel; married Sally Minard, daughter of George Minard. He was a farmer, and lived in Chesterfield. He kept a country store at the corners. He represented the town of Montville in the state legislature in 1848. He held the office of selectman, and other town offices. He was a Jackson Democrat, and was an active politician. She died at Montville, 13 Dec., 1872. He died 24 Dec., 1873.

Children.

- 41a. Harriet, b. ———; m. Gideon F. Raymond.
- 42. Ellen, b. 1834; m. William Whaley.
- 43. George, b. 1835; died young.
- 44. Charles W., b. 1837; died 12 Nov., 1863, unm.

CHRISTOPHER (3), b. 8 Jan., 1679-80, son of John Wickwire and Mary Tonge; married ———. He removed from Montville to Nova Scotia about 1760, with his family of eight children, and settled at a place called Horton. He had a son, Zebediah, who married 18 March, 1779, Temperance Clark of Horton. His children were, 1st, Daniel, b. 26

Jan., 1870; 2d, David, b. 19 Sept., 1781; 3d, Thomas, twin to David, married Jerusha Reid, 21 Feb., 1810, and died 5 Jan., 1871; 4th, Greenleaf, b. 29 Jan., 1785; 5th, James, b. 7 March, 1790; married Abigail Miner, 26 Oct., 1814; 7th, Elizabeth, b. 24 July, 1801.

Amos Wickwire, b. 17 Nov., 1757; was probably grandson of Peter Wickwire and Patience Chapel, and married Esther Atwell. Settled at Cornwallis in Nova Scotia.

PETER (10), b. 11 March, 1724, son of Peter Wickwire and Patience Chapel; married Rhoda Schofield, and was a grantee in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. He died there 2 Feb., 1803. She died 29 Sept., 1812. Their children were, 1st, Rachel, b. 26 April, 1748; m. William Carlisle; 2d, Peter, b. 1 Sept., 1751; 3d, Asa, b. 15 Aug., 1753; 4th, Amy, b. 5 Sept., 1756; married Oliver Fox; 5th, Betsey, born on Sunday, 7 June, 1760, in the harbor of Horton before landing. She married Daniel Huntley of Horton, 9 Aug., 1780, and had sons, Daniel and Peter; 6th, Rhoda, b. 18 June, 1762; married Henry Moulton; 7th, Silas, b. 18 July, 1766; married Prudence Cannady; 8th, Prudence, b. 16 Nov., 1769; m. James Martin.

## FOX FAMILIES.

It has not been certainly determined who the first American ancestor of the Fox families was. It is probable that more than one of the name came over to this country from England previous to the year 1640. It is often said by the descendants of English ancestors, "three brothers came over from England and settled in this country." It is quite probable that the Fox families, like many others in this country, are the descendants from more than one emigrant ancestor who have settled here. The name of a John Fox appears on the list of passengers for Virginia in 1639, aged 33 years. Also a Jonathan and Richard in 1635, the former 35 years of age, and the latter 15 years of age. It is not ascertained where either of the above emigrants first settled.

The first of the name found located was Thomas Fox, who appears in Concord, Mass., a member of the church there in 1640, a freeman in 1644. He married 1st, Rebecca French, who died 11 March, 1647. He married 2d, Hannah Brooks, 13 Oct., 1647. He died in 1658. This Thomas Fox is supposed to have been the father of Samuel Fox, who appears at New London about 1675, and was the ancestor of the Fox families who have lived in Montville. Thomas Fox of Concord had a son, Eliphalet, who is said to have been his eldest son, and was a minor in 1657. He died at Concord, 15 Aug., 1711. Another Thomas Fox of Concord, who may have been a grandson of the former, was born in 1706. He was a "housewright," and died in 1759, aged 53 years.

Rev. Jabez Fox, born in 1646, was probably a son of the eldest Thomas Fox of Concord. He settled at Woburn, Mass., where he was the first minister in 1679. He died there of small-pox 28 Feb., 1702. His wife was Judith Reyner. He

had sons, Thomas, Jabez, and John, and daughter, Judith. The history of Watertown, Mass., has it recorded that Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Fox, married 3 Oct., 1665, John Ball for his second wife. A Thomas Fox of Watertown married, in 1683, Elizabeth Chadwick, and was a representative from that town the same year.

The history of New London, by Miss Caulkins, says, "Samuel Fox, born about 1650, and John Fox, born about 1652, were brothers and sons of Thomas Fox of Concord, Mass." "They first appear in New London," says Miss Caulkins, "about 1675. Samuel married 30 March, 1675-6, Mary, daughter of Andrew Lester, born 26 Dec., 1647. She died, and he then married second, Joanna ———. She died from loss of blood in 1689. He afterwards contracted a third and fourth marriage. His third wife was Bathsheba (Rogers) Smith, widow of Richard Smith and daughter of James Rogers and Elizabeth Rowland. By her first husband she had sons James and John, and daughters, Elizabeth and Bathsheba. Elizabeth married William Camp. Bathsheba married her cousin, John Rogers 2d. James, the eldest son, was baptized 12 April, 1674, married Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan Rogers, and is the ancestor of a numerous family. John Smith, the youngest son, settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, and was grandfather to John Smith, Esq., who married Caroline Chester. Both died at Montville, leaving no children.

The fourth wife of Samuel Fox was Esther ———. She was living when her husband died. In his will, dated the same year of his death, he gives "to his son Samuel, the elder, his lands in North Parish, with the mills known as Fox mills, and all his wearing apparel." He gives to his son Samuel, the younger, all his farming tools, and all lands at Great Neck, in New London, by paying legacies to others. He gives to his son-in-law, James Smith, £40, to his daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Camp, £10, to his daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Platt, £10. He gave to his wife, Esther, a living out of

the whole, and appointed Timothy Green and his son Samuel, the eldest, executors of his will. He died 4 Sept., 1727.

Children by Mary.

2. Elizabeth, bap. 3 June, 1677.
3. Samuel, b. 24 April, 1681; m. Margaret Brintnal.
4. Abigail, b. ; m. Charles Hill.
5. Hannah, b.

Children by Joanna.

6. Isaac, b. ; m. 1st, Hannah Stark; 2d, Elizabeth
7. Benjamin, b. about 1685; m. Naomi Rogers.

Child by Bathsheba.

8. Samuel, b. about 1691; m. Rachel Rogers.

JOHN, born about 1652, son of Thomas Fox of Concord, Mass., married 2 June, 1678, Sarah Larrabee, daughter of Greenfield Larrabee. They had a son, John, born 1 June, 1680, who married Elizabeth. She died 12 Dec., 1711, without issue. They had other sons and daughters, but all died without issue, except Benjamin. In a deed of 1718 he calls Benjamin "my only child which it hath pleased God to continue in the land of the living." John Fox married 2d, Hannah, relict of Thomas Steelman. His third wife was Mary, daughter of David Lester, 2d. She was fifty years younger than himself, and was a granddaughter of his sister, Hannah Fox, of Concord, who married Daniel Lester, Sr. His last will, dated 1729-30, gives all his real and personal estate to his wife, Mary Fox.

II. SAMUEL (3), b. 24 April, 1681, son of Samuel Fox and Mary Lester; m. Margaret Brintnal, b. in 1680. He lived on the homestead farm bequeathed to him by his father. The old house, and the first built by Samuel Fox, Sr., stood a few rods west of the present house in Montville, and was destroyed by fire about 1760. The present house was erected

soon after and is now occupied and owned by descendants in the paternal line of the fifth generation. Margaret Fox, the wife of Samuel Fox, was received into the church by Rev. James Hillhouse, 4 July, 1725. She died 24 Sept., 1752, aged 72 years. He died 12 Feb., 1754, aged 72 years. Both were buried in the old Fox burying-ground on the homestead farm. An old and very large chestnut tree is still standing by the side of the road not far from the burying-ground that was standing when they were living.

#### Children.

9. Samuel, b. about 1707; m. Abigail Harris.
10. Margaret, b. 21 April, 1709; m. Nathaniel Comstock.
11. Elizabeth, b. about 1711; m. Isaac Avery.
12. Hannah, b. ; m.
13. Benjamin, b. 29 Aug., 1715; m. Abigail (Fox) Brockway.
14. Ezekiel, b. about 1721; m. Mchitabel Lamson.

II. ISAAC (6), b. , son of Samuel Fox and Joanna ———; married 1st, Hannah Stark, and 2d, Elizabeth ———. He gave land by deed on which to erect a meeting-house at Great Neck, and was afterwards known as the First Baptist Church of New London (Pepper Box). His will, dated 5 July, 1731, mentions his sons, Isaac, Samuel, Ebenezer, Thomas, and daughter, Abigail. A codicil, annexed to his will, dated 1734-5, gave to his sons, Samuel, Ebenezer, and Thomas, "the money that is to be paid by Daniel Denison, £200, the last payment for my house and land in the following manner: Ebenezer and Thomas, £20 each above their share in it, to wit: £10 each out of the first £100. £10 each out of the second £100, as it becomes due. The residue I give equally to my four sons."

"I give my daughter, Abigail Davis, the two-thirds part of my household goods. To my wife, Elizabeth, one-third, to have the first choice, also so much more of my movable estate, exclusive of the £200, the produce of my lands, as to

make up one-third part of the whole movables, and £10 over, as is provided in my will, exclusive the £200 to depend on forever." His will was witnessed by Joshua Hempstead, Daniel Denison, and Noah Lester. A claim in his will reads thus: "After my sons come to the enjoyment of my estate and conclude to sell, my house and land shall be sold to a Baptist principles man, if he will give as much as anyone else." The original will was witnessed by three of the members of the Baptist church (Pepper Box), viz.: Joseph Gilbert, Deacon, Stephen Gorton, Elder, Elizabeth Tober.

## Children.

- 15. Isaac, b. ; m. Mary Reynolds, 4 July, 1732.
- 16. Samuel, b. ; m. ——— Stebbins, 27 April, 1724.
- 17. Ebenezer, b.
- 18. Thomas, b.
- 19. Abigail, b. ; m. ——— Davis.
- 19a. Jedediah, b. 16 March, 1712; m.

II. SAMUEL (8), b. about 1691, son of Samuel Fox and Bathsheba (Rogers) Smith; married Rachael Rogers, dau. of Capt. Jonathan Rogers and Naomi Burdick. He died in 1745. She died in 1754.

## Children.

- 20. Jonathan, b. 5 Oct., 1715; m., had no issue.
- 21. Hannah, b. 4 May, 1717; m. Daniel Lester, 2d wife, 17 April, 1745.
- 22. Samuel, b. 29 June, 1719; m. Prudence Turner.
- 23. James, b. 21 July, 1722; m., had no issue.
- 24. Rachel, b. 24 May, 1724; m., had two children who were foolish.
- 25. Bathsheba, b. 11 April, 1727; died young.
- 26. Naomi, b. 31 April, 1731; m. 1st, ——— Beebe; 2d, Ebenezer Rogers.
- 27. Bathsheba, b. 31 Aug., 1733; m. Isaac Rogers.



III. SAMUEL (9), b. about 1707, son of Samuel Fox and Margaret Brintnal; married 12 Nov., 1729, Abigail Harris, daughter of James Harris and Sarah Rogers. He inherited that portion of his father's estate which lay to the south and east of the homestead farm in Montville, including the mills called "Fox Mills." His mansion house stood on the old Colchester road on the site of the present house, late the residence of Salmon C. Vibber, deceased. She was received into the church by Rev. David Jewett. He died about 1786.

#### Children.

28. Margaret, b. 20 Oct., 1730; m. Samuel Thompson.
29. Sarah, b. 16 April, 1732; m. David S. Denison.
30. Abigail, b. 7 Nov., 1733; died young.
31. Amy, b. 19 March, 1734-5.
32. Delight, b. 18 Oct., 1739; m. Nathaniel Thompson.
33. Anna, b. 30 Oct., 1740; m. Elisha Comstock.
34. Elisha, b. 15 Oct., 1743; m. Anna Fitch.
35. Zoviah, b. 12 Nov., 1745; died young.
36. Rachel, b. 4 July, 1747.
37. Alpheus, b. 18 June, 1749.
38. Abigail, b. 25 March, 1754; m. Elijah Harris.

III. BENJAMIN (13), b. 29 Aug., 1715, son of Samuel Fox and Margaret Brintnal; married Abigail (Fox) Brockway, daughter of Rachel Fox. They settled in the state of New York.

#### Children.

39. William, b. ; removed to the state of New York.
40. Cornelius, b. ; m. Lucy Gray.
41. Nathan, b. ; m. Polly Chapel.
42. Samuel, b. , 1762; m. Esther Lester, 30 Nov., 1788, dau. of Thomas Lester. Had children, Jeremiah, b. 26 Feb., 1790; Sally, b. 6 Dec., 1791.
43. Dila, b. ; m. Raymond Griswold.
44. Abigail, b. ; m. Jeremiah Brockway.
45. Lucy, b. ; m., had dau. who m. Harris Keene.

III. EZEKIEL (14), b. about 1721, son of Samuel Fox and Margaret Brintnal; married Mehitabel Lamson of Boston. He inherited the old homestead mansion and a large portion of the land connected with it, being that portion of the farm that lay to the north and west. He was a member of Rev. Mr. Jewett's church at the time the old meeting-house stood on the site of the Raymond Hill Cometary. He was chosen an elder in 1778. He was active in the affairs of the church and society, and held important offices in the town. In a deed, dated 26 April, 1787, he conveyed to his son, Samuel, "for the consideration of the love and parental affection I have to my son all that part of my farm beginning at the corner by the New London and Colchester road, where the road from that turns to my house, thence northerly to the old orchard, thence by the fence to the woods, thence easterly in a straight line to a highway leading from my house to my mills, thence by said highway till it comes to my brother, Samuel, deceased, land, thence by said Samuel's land to the first-mentioned highway, and thence to the first point of beginning." She died 20 Jan., 1776, aged 56 years. He died 20 March, 1800.

#### Children.

46. Mehitabel, b. , 1746; m. Nathaniel Vibber.
47. Samuel, b. , 1748; m. Anna Hill.
48. Brintnal, b. , 1750; m. Mary Hill.
49. Margaret, b. , 1753; m. George B. Dolbeare.
50. Charlotte, b. , 1754; m. Jonathan Hill.
51. Ezekiel, b. , 1758; m. Elizabeth Chester, dau. of Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Otis. They had a son, Ezekiel, b. 18 June, 1781; m. 26 June, 1803, Lydia Lord. He died 25 June, 1782, aged 24 years. She afterwards married 12 July, 1787, Thomas Adgate.

III. SAMUEL (22), b. 29 June, 1719, son of Samuel Fox and Rachel Rogers; married Prudence Turner. He died at Salem, Conn., 13 Dec., 1809. She died there 29 Jan.,

1808. Both were buried in the Dolbeare burying-ground at Salem. Their remains were, in 1884, brought to Montville and laid in the old Fox burying-ground, near Oakdale. He had a son, John, who had children, John, Jesse, Elijah, and Ezekiel. Jesse, b. about 1754; married Ruth ———, and settled in Colchester. Elijah, b. about 1764; married 1st, Polly Parks of Plainfield; 2d, Betsey Taintor of Colchester, and died 5 Nov., 1805. Elijah Fox had by his first wife a daughter, Lucy, who married Caleb Palmer; daughter, Sybel, b. 1789; married Charles Hill of Montville; also sons, Samuel and Otis. He had by second wife son, Charles. John settled in Boston and Ezekiel settled in New London, where he kept a house of entertainment. He married ——— ———, and had a daughter, Rachel Wright, who married Increase Wilson of New London.

IV. ELISHA (34), b. 15 Oct., 1743, son of Samuel Fox and Abigail Harris; married Anna, daughter of Daniel Fitch and Sarah Underwood. He lived at the old homestead formerly occupied by his father. He died 19 April, 1800. She died 21 Aug., 1836.

#### Children.

52. Parmelia, b. about 1764; m. Jonathan Avery.
53. Daniel, b. 19 July, 1766; m. Lucy Angel.
54. Eleanor, b. ———, 1768; m. Elisha Forsyth.
55. Abigail, b. ———, 1773; m. James Fitch.
56. Sarah, b. ———, 1777; died 8 June, 1832, unm.
57. Mercy, b. 15 Jan., 1783; m. Thomas Bradford.
58. Anna, b. 20 Jan., 1786; m. Adonijah Fitch.
59. Rachel, b. 15 Feb., 1788; m. Nicholas Bishop.

IV. SAMUEL (47), b. about 1748, son of Ezekiel Fox and Mehitabel Lamson; married Anna Hill, daughter of George Hill and Joanna Vibber. He lived on the farm given to him by his father, located on the old Colchester road, near the present town farm. After his death the farm was sold to George Allen, and afterwards owned by George Fox, son

of Brintnal. He died 19 Aug., 1807, aged 59 years. She died 2 Jan., 1805, aged 53 years.

#### Children.

60. Charles, b. 17 March, 1775; died 25 March, 1855. He was a cripple.
61. Washington, b. 27 Oct., 1780; m. 31 Jan., 1808, Eleanor Dolbeare. They removed to Goshen, where he was a farmer, and died 2 Aug., 1870. She died 3 Sept., 1875; no issue.
62. Mary, b. 13 Dec., 1782; m. Elisha Dolbeare.
63. Lyman, b. 14 March, 1789; m. Laura Bradford.
64. Peggy, b. 1 Oct., 1792; m. ——— Wilber.
65. Joseph, b. 12 May, 1786; m. Norah Buckingham.
66. Nancy, b. 19 June, 1785; m. Rufus Rogers.
67. Martha, b. ———, 1777; died 25 Nov., 1796.

IV. BRINTNAL (48), b. about 1750, son of Ezekiel Fox and Mehitabel Lamson; married Mary Hill, daughter of George Hill and Joanna Vibber. He lived on the old homestead formerly occupied by his father and grandfather at Montville. He was a farmer. He died 2 Dec., 1831. She died 16 Nov., 1837.

#### Children.

68. Mehitabel, b. about 1771; died 21 Sept., 1856.
69. Guy, b. 1775; m. Eunice Pettis, 25 March, 1804, and had Sophia; m. John E. Todd; Marietta, Harriet, and Sarah. He settled in the state of New York.
70. Lamson, b. 2 Feb., 1781; m. Eleanor Comstock.
71. George, b. 6 Nov., 1783; m. Aurelia Cook.
72. Sally, b. 13 Sept., 1784.
73. Henry, b. 14 Nov., 1786; m.
74. Robert, b. 20 March, 1789; m. Emeline (Bolles) Smith.
75. Betsey, b. 13 July, 1790; died 19 July, 1855, unm.

IV. DANIEL (53), b. 19 July, 1766, son of Elisha Fox and Anna Fitch; married 30 Dec., 1792, Lucy Angel, daugh-

ter of James Angel. He lived on the farm occupied by his father and grandfather. He was a farmer. He died 9 May, 1820, at Montville. She, with her sons and daughter, Amy, removed to Mississippi about 1830, where they all married and settled. She died 18 Sept., 1843, at Vicksburg, Miss.

#### Children.

- 76. James Angel, b. 19 March, 1794; m.
- 77. John Brown, b. 26 May, 1797; m. Sophia A. Gilbert.
- 78. Amy Brown, b. 26 Dec., 1799; m. Judge Edward Randolph.
- 79. Eleanor, b. 16 Feb., 1802; m. Azel Fitch Rogers.
- 80. Samuel Sherwood, b. 25 April, 1805; m. Elizabeth Brown.
- 81. Elisha, b. 17 April, 1810; m. Lucy Moore.

IV. LYMAN (63), b. 14 March, 1789, son of Samuel Fox and Anna Hill; m. 28 Jan., 1813, Laura Bradford, daughter of James Fitch Bradford and Mary Merwin. He settled in Cornwall Hollow, Conn., where he died 18 June, 1867. He had a son, John Bradford, b. in 1819, and probably other children. This son was living at Thomaston, Conn., in 1884. Other children were, Charlotte, James, Nancy, Mary, and Henry.

V. LAMSON (69), b. 2 Feb., 1781, son of Brintnal Fox and Mary Hill; m. about 1800, Eleanor Comstock, daughter of Jared Comstock and Rachel Chester. He settled at Colchester and was a successful farmer. His inventory, at his death, amounted to near fifteen thousand dollars. He died at Colchester.

#### Children.

- 82. Ezekiel, b. Dec., 1801.
- 83. Almira, b. 4 July, 1805; m. Nathaniel Comstock.
- 84. Enoch, b. Aug., 1807; died Sept., 1878.
- 85. Ursula, b. 9 June, 1809.
- 86. Henry, b. 5 Aug., 1813; m. Elizabeth Beckwith.
- 87. Carolino, b.

- 88. Harriet Newell, b.
- 89. John, b.
- 90. Ellen, b.

V. GEORGE (70), b. 6 Nov., 1783, son of Brintnal Fox and Mary Hill; m. 10 June, 1825, Aurelia Cook, daughter of Rev. Rozel Cook. He settled in Montville and occupied the farm formerly owned by Samuel Fox, and afterwards by George Allen. He sold his farm in 1853 and removed to Waterford, where he died 17 June, 1857. She died there 21 April, 1869. He had an only daughter, Sarah C., b. 26 June, 1826; married John F. Brown, who removed from Waterford and settled in Montville on Raymond Hill, where he died.

V. ROBERT (75), b. 20 March, 1789, son of Brintnal Fox and Mary Hill; married 9 June, 1839, Emeline (Bolles) Smith, daughter of Ebenezer Bolles and Polly Cooley Gilbert. He was a farmer and occupied the old homestead near what is now Oakdale. He died 21 Dec., 1865. She died 14 Jan., 1880, aged 58 years.

#### Children.

- 91. Albert N., b. 12 March, 1840.
- 92. Joel H., b. 17 Sept., 1842; m. Addie Woodmansee.
- 93. Levi W., b. , 1845; died 24 April, 1866.

VI. HENRY (86), b. 5 Aug., 1813, son of Lamson Fox and Eleanor Comstock, daughter of Jared Comstock and Rachel Chester; m. 9 Jan., 1848, Elizabeth Beckwith, daughter of Elisha Beckwith and Sabra Beebe. He settled in Salem, Conn. Was a farmer. He died there 26 Nov., 1884. His wife was living at Salem in 1896.

#### Children.

- 94. Ellen E., b. 30 Dec., 1848.
- 95. Millard Henry, b. 20 Dec., 1850; died 15 Oct., 1851.
- 96. John Milton, b. 9 Sept., 1853; m. Nettie Fuller.
- 97. Henry Beckwith, b. 19 Aug., 1860; m. Fannie Rix.

VI. JOEL H. (92), b. 17 Sept., 1843, son of Robert Fox and Emeline (Bolles) Smith; married 10 June, 1868, Addie Woodmansco, daughter of Solomon Woodmansco. He was living in 1896 on the old Fox homestead in Montville, a farmer. His wife died in March, 1895.

Children.

- 98. Franklin Henry, b. 30 April, 1869; died 20 April, 1872.
- 99. Bell Bolles, b. 9 Sept., 1870; m. Orrin Keables.
- 100. Jennie Eveline, b. 20 Mch., 1872; m. Timothy O'Leary.
- 101. Albert John, b. 28 July, 1874.

## FITCH FAMILIES.

Rev. James Fitch, the ancestor of the Montville families of the name, was born at Bocking, in the county of Essex, England, in 1622. He was only sixteen years of age when he came to America, being one of a band of thirteen young men, all intending to enter the ministry. He was placed, after his arrival in this country, under the instruction of Messrs. Hooker and Stone at Hartford, where he remained seven years.

He married first Abigail Whitfield, daughter of Rev. Henry Whitfield, minister at Guilford, Conn., in October, 1648. She died 9 Sept., 1659. He afterwards married Priscilla Mason, daughter of Major John Mason, Oct., 1664.

In the year 1646 a church was formed at Saybrook over which Mr. Fitch was ordained pastor. In 1660, after the death of his first wife, Mr. Fitch, with a part of his church, removed to Norwich. He learned the language of the Indians, and often went among the tribe endeavoring to enlighten their darkened minds and win them from their vices and degradation in which he found them. The Mohogan sachems, notwithstanding their obstinacy to the Christian religion, were warmly attached to Mr. Fitch and his family. Large tracts of land were conveyed to them, either in trust or as absolute grants. A tract of land five miles in length and one in breadth, located in what is now the town of Lebanon, was conveyed by Owanceo to Mr. Fitch. On this tract some of his children settled, and among them he died in 1702, being about eighty years of age.

The following inscription is found on the gravestone erected to the memory of the Rev. James Fitch in the old burying-ground at Lebanon:



“ In this grave are deposited the remains of that truly reverend man, Mr. James Fitch. He was born at Bocking, in the County of Essex, England, the 24th day of Dec., in the year of our Lord 1622. Who, after he had been most excellently taught the learned languages, came to New England at the age of sixteen years, and then spent seven years under the instruction of those very famous men, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Stone. Afterwards he discharged the pastoral office fourteen years at Saybrook, thence removed with the major part of his church to Norwich, where he spent the other years of his life in the work of the gospel. In his old age, indeed, he was obliged to cease from his public labors by reason of bodily indisposition, and at length retired to his children at Lebanon, where, after spending nearly half a year, he slept in Jesus in the year 1702, on the 18th day of November, in the 80th year of his age.”

#### Children by Abigail.

2. James, b. 2 Aug., 1649; m. 1st, Elizabeth Mason; 2d, Alice (Bradford) Adams.
3. Abigail, b. Aug., 1650; m. Captain John Mason.
4. Elizabeth, b. Jan., 1652; m. Rev. Edward Taylor.
5. Hannah, b. Sept., 1653; m. Thomas Meeks (or Mix).
6. Samuel, b. April, 1655; m. (wife's name unknown.)  
He died in 1725, leaving children.
7. Dorothy, b. April, 1658; m. Nathaniel Bissel.

#### Children by Priscilla.

8. Daniel, b. 16 Aug., 1665; m. Mary Sherwood.
9. John, b. Jan., 1667; m. Elizabeth Waterman.
10. Jeremiah, b. Sept., 1670; m. Ruth Gifford.
11. Jabez, b. April, 1672; m. Elizabeth Appleton.
12. Ann, b. April, 1675; m. Major William Bradford.
13. Nathaniel, b. 1679; m. 1st, Ann Abel; 2d, Mindwell Tisdale.
14. Joseph, b. Nov., 1681; m. 1st, Sarah Mason; 2d, Ann Whiting.
15. Eleazer, b. 14 May, 1683; m. Martha Brown.

II. JAMES (2), b. 2 Aug., 1649, eldest son of Rev. James Fitch and Abigail Whitfield; m. 1st, Elizabeth Mason, youngest daughter of Major Mason and sister to his father's second wife in 1676. She died 8 Oct., 1684. He then married second wife, Alice (Bradford) Adams, daughter of Major William Bradford of Plymouth and widow of Rev. William Adams of Dedham, 8 May, 1687. Major James Fitch was a prominent and influential man in his day. He was a noted friend and patron of the Indians, and after the death of Major John Mason possessed more sway over the sachems than any other individual, not excepting their other distinguished advocate, Captain Samuel Mason. He was noted as a land surveyor, land register, land speculator, and a land holder to an immense extent. By legislative grants, by purchase from other grantors, and intimate connection with the Indian sachems, he accumulated a vast number of acres. In 1684 he obtained from Owaneco the native right and title to a broad tract of unsettled land in the vicinity of the present town of Brooklyn, Conn. Out of this tract the town of Pomfret was purchased of Captain Fitch for thirty pounds, and consisted of 15,100 acres. The conveyance was made 5 May, 1686. In 1687 Owaneco conveyed to him parcels of land in the towns of Plainfield and Canterbury of such extent as to be measured by miles. Besides this, he had tracts in various localities in the towns about Norwich. Major Fitch settled at Norwich, but lived in Preston, Plainfield, and Canterbury. He was the founder of Canterbury, having purchased the land, made the first clearings, laid out farms and house lots, and built himself the first barn and the first framed house within its limits. Major Fitch was a brave soldier and an experienced partizan in Indian warfare. He was active also in political affairs. He was an early patron of Yale College, gave the glass and nails for the college edifice, and endowed it with 637 acres of land in the town of Killingly. His historian, Miss Caulkins, says "Tradition and record give intimations of one defect in his character. He could not always re-

sist the temptation to convivial excess, but appears to have had the Christian grace to acknowledge the fault when committed and to repent of it." He was evidently a man of good abilities, excellent business capacity, great activity, energy, and industry, and was counted among the foremost men of the colony in his day. He died at Canterbury, 10 Nov., 1727, aged 80 years.

#### Children by Elizabeth.

16. James, b. Jan., 1678; died in infancy.
17. James, b. June, 1679; died young.
18. Jedediah, b. 17 April, 1681; m. Elizabeth ———.
19. Samuel, b. 12 July, 1683; m. Mary ———.
20. Elizabeth, b. 1684.

#### Children by Alice.

21. Abigail, b. 22 Feb., 1688; m. Colonel Dyer.
22. Ebenezer, b. 10 Jan., 1690.
23. Daniel, b. Feb., 1693; m. Ann Cook.
24. John, b. 1695.
25. Bridget, b. 1697.
26. Jerusha, b. 1699; m. Daniel Bissel.
27. William, b. 1701.
28. Jabez, b. 1703.

II. SAMUEL (6), b. April, 1655, second son of Rev. James Fitch and Abigail Whitfield. It is not ascertained whom he married, but it is known he had children. He lived in East Norwich, in what was called Long Society in the town of Preston. There is no record of his family to be found in the Norwich records, and no will or distribution of his estate. "Nearly all the information," says a biographer, "obtained of him is from land records, such as deeds of gift to his children and other conveyances where the relationship is mentioned." Some of his descendants settled in Lebanon, and he was the ancestor of the Bozrah Fitch families, descendants of the late Colonel Asa Fitch of that town. Samuel Fitch was also the ancestor of Hon. G. N. Fitch, ex-Senator of Indiana,

and other prominent men. He died in 1725. His children, whose names have been recovered from deeds and other documents, were:

- 29. Hezekiah, b.
- 30. Jabez, b.
- 31. Benjamin, b. ; m. Ainy ———; died in 1763.
- 32. Peletiah, b. ; m. Elizabeth ———.
- 33. Samuel, b. (probably).

II. DANIEL (8), b. 16 Aug., 1665, eldest son of Rev. James Fitch by his second wife, Priscilla Mason; married March, 1698, Mary Sherwood, daughter of Mathew Sherwood of Fairfield, Conn. He settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, near the Norwich line. It appears that he lived at one time in Preston, as a partial record of his family is found in that town. He was an active soldier in the Indian wars of his day. His inventory shows that he owned three farms in North Parish, one at Trading Cove, on which he lived, one at Dry Brook, and one lying on both sides of the path leading to Hartford, through Montville and Colchester. The homestead farm at Trading Cove was a town grant to his father, and a portion of it still occupied by his descendants. He died 3 June, 1711. His wife survived him, and married Joseph Bradford.

#### Children.

- 33a. Adonijah, b. April, 1700; m. 1st, Sarah Fitch, his cousin; 2d, Ann (Hyde) Gray.
- 33b. James, b. 18 Oct., 1703; m. Ann Denison.
- 33c. Lemuel, b. Jan., 1704; m. Mary Bigelow.
- 33d. Mary, b. Sept., 1707; m. Rev. James Hillhouse.
- 33e. Daniel, b. 1709; m. Sarah Sherwood.

II. JOHN (9), b. Jan., 1667, second son of Rev. James Fitch by his second wife, Priscilla Mason; m. 10 July, 1695, Elizabeth Waterman, eldest daughter of Thomas Waterman and Marian Tracy. He settled at Windham, and was a large

landholder. On the 13th day of May, 1696, his father gave him a deed of one thousand acres of land at Windham Center. He was chosen town clerk of Windham 4 Dec., 1704, and was re-elected every year thereafter during his life. He also held the office of judge of probate for a short time, and was captain of a company of militia. He died 24 May, 1743. She died 25 June, 1751.

#### Children.

34. Elizabeth, b. 1 June, 1696; m. Nathaniel Webb.
35. Mariam, b. 17 Oct., 1699; m. Hezekiah Ropley.
36. Priscilla, b. 5 Feb., 1702; m. Solomon Paine.
37. John, b. 18 March, 1705.

II. JEREMIAH (10), b. Sept., 1670, third son of Rev. James Fitch by his second wife, Priscilla Mason; m. Ruth Gifford, probably daughter of Stephen Gifford and Hannah Gallup of Norwich. He settled at Lebanon, where he had lands granted him soon after his marriage. He remained in Lebanon until 1703, and perhaps longer. He removed, and settled on lands now included in the town of Coventry. He was the ancestor of the Coventry, Columbia, Andover, and Bolton Fitch families. He died at Coventry 22 May, 1736. His wife survived him, and was living in 1756.

#### Children.

38. Jeremiah, b. 18 April, 1690; m. 1st, Mercy Porter, Jan. 6, 1730; 2d, Martha Gifford, June 4, 1744.
39. Hannah, b. 18 Jan., 1700; m. Humphrey Davenport.
40. Abner, b. 8 July, 1703; m. 1st, Ruth Rose, Feb. 17, 1736; 2d, Widow ——— Lee.
41. Gideon, b. ; m. Sarah Caulkins.
42. Elisha, b. ; m. Priscilla Patten, May 27, 1736.
43. James, b. ; m. Phebe Meeough, Oct. 6, 1738.
44. Joseph, b.
45. Ruth, b. ; m. Daniel Whitmore.
46. Stephen, b. 1712; m. Eleanor Strong.

II. JABEZ (11), b. April, 1672, fourth son of Rev. James Fitch by his second wife, Priscilla Mason; married 10 June, 1704, Elizabeth Appleton, daughter of Hon. John Appleton of Ipswich. He graduated at Harvard College in 1694, and was a Congregational clergyman. After his father was disabled from preaching by a paralytic attack in 1694, he was invited to occupy his father's pulpit with a view to settlement. He preached there about a year, but declined the call to settle. He was elected Tutor and Fellow of Harvard College, and in 1703 was ordained at Ipswich as colleague of the Rev. John Rogers, but removed afterwards to Portsmouth, N. H., where he was installed about 1720. He died at Portsmouth, 22 Nov., 1746. She died there 18 Oct., 1765, aged 84 years. His children were Mary, Ann, John, Harvard, and James.

II. JOSEPH (14), b. Nov., 1681, sixth son of Rev. James Fitch by his second wife, Priscilla Mason; m. 1st, Sarah Mason, youngest daughter of Major Samuel Mason by his first wife. She died previous to 1721. He afterwards married, 29 Dec., 1721, Ann Whiting, eldest daughter of Rev. Samuel Whiting, first minister of Windham. He first settled in Stonington, where his children by his first wife were born, and afterwards removed to Lebanon. He died 9 May, 1741. She died at Windham, 18 Sept., 1778.

#### Children by Sarah.

47. Judith, b.
48. Sarah, b. 24 Jan., 1704; m. Adonijah Fitch, her cousin.
49. Mason, b. 11 Sept., 1708; died March 10, 1734. Graduate of Yale.
50. Joseph, b. 14 Feb., 1711; m. Zerviah Hyde.

#### Children by Ann.

51. Samuel, b. 16 Jan., 1724; m. Elizabeth Lloyd.
52. Eleazer, b. 30 Aug., 1726.
53. Azel, b. 7 Nov., 1728; died about 1769, unm.

- 54. Ichabod, b. 17 May, 1734.
- 55. Ann, b. 12 July, 1737.
- 56. Thomas, b. 11 June, 1739; died 24 Jan., 1747.

II. NATHANIEL (13), b. about 1679, fifth son of Rev. James Fitch by his second wife, Priscilla Mason; married 1st, Ann Abel, 10 Dec., 1701, daughter of Joshua Abel of Norwich. She died 3 July, 1728. He then married, 2d, Mindwell Tisdale of Lebanon, 17 Sept., 1730. He settled at Lebanon, and was among the early settlers of that town. He died 4 May, 1750.

#### Children by Ann.

- 57. Joshua, b. 13 Feb., 1704.
- 58. Nathan, b. 29 March, 1705.
- 59. Nehemiah, b. 10 Feb., 1707.
- 60. James, b. 15 Oct., 1709.
- 61. John, b. 7 Jan., 1712.
- 62. Nathaniel, b. 3 Feb., 1717; m. ——— Whiting.
- 63. Mehitabel, b. twin to Nathaniel.
- 64. Elizabeth, b. 26 May, 1718; m. ——— Bissell.
- 65. Rachel, b. Oct., 1720; died May 28, 1726.
- 66. Abel, b. 22 Nov., 1722.
- 67. Caleb, b. 17 June, 1725.

#### Children by Mindwell.

- 68. Jabez, b. 4 Oct., 1730; died 14 Nov., 1736.
- 69. Ezekiel, b. 11 March, 1732.
- 70. Isaac, b. 10 May, 1734.

III. ADONIJAH (29), b. April, 1700, son of Daniel Fitch and Mary Sherwood; married 1st, Sarah Fitch, daughter of his uncle, Joseph Fitch and Sarah Mason. She died 5 Jan., 1741. He afterwards married, 22 April, 1744, Ann (Hyde) Gray, daughter of Samuel Hyde and Elizabeth Caulkins, and widow of Simeon Gray of Lebanon. She died without issue.

Children.

- 71. Mary, b. 24 April, 1727; m. Prince Alden.
- 72. Sarah, b. 2 March, 1729; m. Thomas Rogers.
- 73. Ann, b. 20 May, 1731; m. Samuel Hyde.
- 74. Squire Joseph, b. 12 Aug., 1733; m. Sarah Gardner.
- 75. Elizabeth, b. 17 Aug., 1735; m. Peter Comstock.
- 76. John Mason, b. 10 Dec., 1737; died 4 Jan., 1741.

III. JAMES (30), b. 18 Oct., 1703, son of Daniel Fitch and Mary Sherwood; married 12 Feb., 1728, Ann Denison, daughter of Robert Denison and Johanna Stanton. He settled at Lebanon, where he died 10 Feb., 1789. She died 29 Aug., 1792.

Children.

- 77. Ann, b. 2 Feb., 1729; m. ——— Stark.
- 78. Elizabeth, b. 27 June, 1731; married Colonel Jeremiah Mason. They had a son, Jeremiah, who was an eminent lawyer, and United States Senator from New Hampshire. He spent his last years in Boston.

III. DANIEL (33), b. about 1709, son of Daniel Fitch and Mary Sherwood; married Nov. 16, 1732, Sarah Sherwood, daughter of Samuel Sherwood. He inherited a portion of the homestead at Trading Cove, on which he lived until his death. He was chosen an elder in the church at Montville in 1750. He died 12 May, 1755, leaving property to the value of from \$40,000 to \$50,000, which was bequeathed by will to his children. His wife survived him, and died at the age of 90 years.

Children.

- 79. Eleanor, b. 4 Feb., 1734; m. Dr. Christopher Raymond.
- 80. Abiah, twin to Eleanor; m. Jonathan Gardner.
- 81. Rachel, b. 2 Dec., 1735; m. Joseph Peck.
- 82. Daniel, b. Oct., 1737; died in July, 1738.
- 83. Mary, b. Jan., 1740; died in Aug., 1741.
- 84. Sarah, b. June, 1742; m. Stephen Beebe.



- 85. Mary, b. July, 1744; m. John Bradford.
- 86. Anna, b. 4 June, 1746; m. Elisha Fox.
- 87. Samuel Sherwood, b. 2 Feb., 1749; died April, 1809, unm.
- 88. James, b. 2 Aug., 1752; died young.
- 89. Abigail, b. 22 Dec., 1754; m. Wetherel Latimer.

IV. SQUIRE JOSEPH (74), b. 12 Aug., 1733, son of Adonijah Fitch and Sarah Fitch; m. Sarah Gardner, granddaughter of Stephen Gardner and Amy Sherman, and probable daughter of Stephen Gardner, Jr. He was a large landholder, and inherited a large estate from his father, in Montville. He was the owner of slaves, and in 1794 emancipated a negro slave named Phillis, aged 27 years. In 1803 he gave by deed of gift to his son, James, the farm on which he afterwards lived. In 1805 he gave by deed to his sons, James, Adonijah, and William, all his real property, they agreeing to maintain their father during his natural life. She died 13 Nov., 1794, aged 56 years. He died 22 June, 1810, aged 77 years.

#### Children.

- 90. Andrew, b. 1 March, 1759; m. Mary Leffingwell.
- 91. Sarah, b. 4 April, 1764; m. John H. Adgate.
- 92. Anna, b. 29 May, 1766; m. James F. Mason, son of Jeremiah.
- 93. Joseph, b. about 1763; died in 1778, aged 15 years.
- 94. James, b. about 1768; m. Abigail Fox.
- 95. Adonijah, b. about 1772; m. Anna Fox.
- 96. William, b. about 1779; m. ——— Nash. He died at Medina, Ohio, 23 Aug., 1863.
- 97. Betsey, b. ———; m. Fitch Comstock.

V. JAMES (94), b. about 1768, son of Squire Joseph Fitch and Sarah Gardner; married 14 May, 1797, Abigail Fox, daughter of Elisha Fox and Anna Fitch. He was a farmer and sea captain. He sailed on several voyages, and died at sea on board of the ship Superior, 23 March, 1820, aged 52 years. She died 2 Nov., 1852.

Children.

98. John Gardner, b. 20 June, 1798; m. 1st, Angeline Fitch; 2d, Maria Fitch.
99. Anna, b. 7 May, 1800; died 28 May, 1828, unm.
100. Joseph, b. 13 July, 1802; m. Lydia P. Barns.
101. Samuel, b. 27 July, 1804; m. Caroline White.
102. Sarah Adgate, b. 6 June, 1807; m. Joshua E. Woodworth, 23 Nov., 1834. They had one daughter, Anna E., who committed suicide by hanging in 1878.
103. James Mason, b. 6 Jan., 1809; m. Sarah A. Meech.
104. Rachel, b. 22 May, 1811; m. Nathaniel B. Bradford.
105. Elisha, b. 22 June, 1813; died 15 Oct., 1839, unm.
106. William, b. 14 Aug., 1815; m. Lucy A. Fitch.

V. ADONIJAH (95), b. about 1772, son of Squire Joseph Fitch and Sarah Gardner; married 8 Sept., 1805, Anna Fox, daughter of Elisha Fox and Anna Fitch. He was a farmer, settled at Montville, and owned a portion of the homestead at Trading Cove. He died 13 Jan., 1838. She died 21 Dec., 1864, aged 78 years.

Children.

107. Daniel, b. about 1807; m. Harriet Thompson.
108. Sherwood, b. about 1809; m. 1st, Jane Smith; 2d, Eliza Rogers.
109. Ellen, b. ; m. Orlando Bolles.
110. Harriet, b. ; m. Captain Christopher Pendleton.
111. Maria, b. April, 1817; m. Hyde Gardner.
112. Lucy A., b. 6 March, 1819; m. William Fitch.
113. Adonijah E., b. 16 March, 1822; m. Sarah Bushnell.
114. Caroline R., b. about 1839; m. Captain Christopher Chapel.

VI. JOHN GARDNER (98), b. 20 June, 1798, son of James Fitch and Abigail Fox; married 24 Feb., 1833, Angeline Fitch, daughter of Rufus Fitch. (This Rufus Fitch was a descendant of Rev. James Fitch through Samuel (2),

Benjamin (3), Benajah (4), being a great-grandson.) He was a farmer, and owned and lived on the farm occupied by his father. He was for many years overseer of the Mohegan tribe of Indians, and also held important town offices. She died 8 March, 1840, aged 38 years. He afterwards married, 1853, Maria Fitch, daughter of John Fitch. He died 17 Feb., 1875. She was living in 1896.

#### Children.

- 115. John Mason, b. Nov., 1833; died 18 July, 1877, unm.
- 116. Joseph, b. Oct., 1836; m. Eliza G. Stanton.
- 117. Edwin, b. 8 Sept., 1839; m. Julia Chase.
- 118. Sarah, b. 4 March, 1846; m. James C. Lanpher.

VI. WILLIAM (106), b. 14 Aug., 1815, son of Captain James Fitch and Abigail Fox; married 7 April, 1845, Lucy Angel Fitch, daughter of Adonijah Fitch and Anna Fox. He was a farmer and sea captain. He made several whaling voyages, and was a successful whaler. Both were living at Montville in 1896.

#### Children.

- 119. James W., b. 7 Jan., 1846; m. Maggie Newell.
- 119a. Frank, b. 30 Dec., 1849; died 17 April, 1853.
- 119b. Lucy Anna, b. 13 Feb., 1855; died 15 July, 1856.

BENJAMIN (29), b. about 1690, son of Samuel Fitch and ———; married 18 Nov., 1713, Hannah Reel. He died at Norwich 10 Oct., 1727.

#### Children.

- 120. Mary, b. 26 Sept., 1714.
- 121. John, b. 13 Jan., 1716; died 12 April, 1737.
- 122. Abiah, b. 28 Dec., 1717.
- 123. Benjamin, b. 22 Aug., 1719.
- 124. Benajah, b. 30 July, 1721; m. Sarah Palmer.
- 125. Ebenezer, b. 1 Feb., 1724-5.

BENAJAH (124), b. 30 July, 1721; married 6 Oct., 1747, Sarah Palmer. Settled in Preston.

Children.

- 126. Elijah, b. 14 Dec., 1749.
- 127. Nathaniel, b. 14 Dec., 1753.
- 128. Susannah, b. 4 June, 1757.
- 129. Thomas, b. 4 Feb., 1761; m. 1st, Freelove Smith; 2d, Mary Allen, daughter of Stephen ———.
- 129a. Rufus, b. 10 Feb., 1765; m. Zipporah Smith.

THOMAS (129), b. 4 Feb., 1761, son of Benajah Fitch and Sarah Palmer; married 1st, Freelove Smith, 10 March, 1782, daughter of Paul and Mary Smith of Lyme. She died 21 Jan., 1783; 2d, Mary Allen, daughter of Stephen Allen. He died 2 Sept., 1855.

Children by First Wife.

- 130. William, b. 18 Jan., 1783; m. Nancy Latimer; died 22 June, 1856.

Children by Second Wife.

- 131. Nancy, b. 12 Aug., 1785; m. Clement Bishop; died 12 March, 1868.
- 132. Freelove, b. 12 Nov., 1787; m. Thomas Strickland; died 17 March, 1871.
- 133. John, b. 1 Jan., 1789; m. Elizabeth Tinker; died 21 June, 1872.
- 134. James, b. 10 Nov., 1790; m. Nancy Strickland; died 9 Jan., 1871.
- 135. Mercy, b. 24 Sept., 1795; m. and moved west.
- 136. Thomas, b. 24 May, 1797; died July 5, 1812, from an accident caused by horse racing.

RUFUS (129a), b. 10 Feb., 1765, son of Benajah Fitch and Sarah Palmer; married Zipporah Smith, b. 12 Dec., 1791. He died 19 Oct., 1816. She died 7 June, 1821.

Children.

- 137. Mary, b. 21 Oct., 1792; m. Noah Gates; died 15 Nov., 1842.

- 138. Emma C., b. 8 April, 1794; m. David Bidwell.
- 139. Eliza, b. 17 May, 1797; m. William Hillhouse.
- 140. Erastus G., b. 8 April, 1799; m. Ann Davis.
- 141. Edwin, b. 23 May, 1801; m. 1st, Lucy B. Meech; died 11 Oct., 1848; 2d, Harriet Lee.
- 142. Almira, b. 13 Aug., 1805; m. 1st, Joshua Baker; 2d, David Comstock.
- 143. Susan B., b. 6 July, 1808; m. John D. Bradford.
- 144. Angeline, b. 5 Oct., 1810; m. John G. Fitch.
- 145. Andrew G., b. 7 March, 1813; m. Cynthia G. Bottum.

ASA ( ), b. . . . . Probably grandson of Samuel Fitch (6); married Susannah, daughter of ———.

#### Children.

- 146. Nehemiah, b. . . . . ; m. Mary Abby.
- 147. Lois, b. . . . . ; m. Captain George Lee.
- 148. Asa, b. . . . . Was never married.
- 149. Susan, b. . . . . ; m. ——— Randall.
- 150. Stephen, b. . . . . ; m. Mary Rogers.
- 151. Fanny, b. . . . . ; m. Sherwood Raymond.
- 152. Douglass, b. . . . . ; m. ——— Trence.
- 153. William, b. . . . . ; m. Mary Williams.
- 154. Clarissa, b. about 1800; m. John Houghton.

JOHN (133), b. 1 Jan., 1789, son of Thomas Fitch and Mary Allen; married Elizabeth Tinker, b. 24 Aug., 1793, daughter of Harris Tinker and Elizabeth Deshon. She died 22 Feb., 1834. He married for his second wife Fanny Trendway, b. 2 Nov., 1790; died 9 Jan., 1862. He died 21 June, 1872.

#### Children by Elizabeth.

- 155. Thomas, b. 29 Jan., 1813; m. Ann Smith.
- 156. Maria, b. 9 Sept., 1816; m. John G. Fitch.
- 157. Elizabeth, b. 24 Feb., 1819; m. Francis W. Fitch.
- 158. Harris T., b. 24 Sept., 1821; m. Almira Brown.
- 159. John, b. 29 Feb., 1826; died young.
- 160. Mary, b. 7 Aug., 1828; m. Captain David Walker.
- 161. George, b. 4 Aug., 1831; m. Fanny Keeney.





NATH'L BRADFORD HOCE

## BRADFORD FAMILIES.

Governor William Bradford of Plymouth, who came over in the Mayflower, was the eldest son of William Bradford, commander-in-chief of the Plymouth forces in King Philip's War, and deputy governor of the colony, and married Alice Hanson, probably daughter of John Hanson of Austerfield, England, and grandson of William Bradford, who lived at Austerfield, in or about 1575, whose record of burial is noted as happening on the 10th of Jan., 1595-6.

William, the Pilgrim, baptized March, 1589, was the ancestor of the American Bradfords, and married 1st, Dorothy May, of whose parentage nothing has been discovered; 2d, Alice, widow of Constant Southworth, 14 Aug., 1623, believed to have been a daughter of "Mr. Carpenter." She died 26 March, 1670.

### Children by Dorothy.

2. John, probably born before the emigration; was of Duxberry in 1645, and in 1652 he was a deputy to the general court, and lieutenant. He married Martha, daughter of Thomas and Martha Bourne, of Marshfield, Mass. In 1653 he removed to Norwich, Conn., where he died in 1678.

### Children by Alice.

3. William, b. 17 June, 1624; m. 1st, Alice Richards; 2d, Widow Wiswall; 3d, Mrs. Mary (Wood) Holmes.
4. Mercy, b. before 1627; m. Benjamin Vermages.
5. Joseph, b. 1630; m. Jael Hobert of Hingham, daughter of Rev. Peter Hobert, the first minister of Hingham.



II. WILLIAM (3), b. 17 June, 1624, son of William Bradford and Alice Southworth; married 1st, Alice Richards, daughter of Thomas Richards of Weymouth. She died 12 Dec., 1671, aged 44 years. He married 2d, a Widow Wiswall; 3d, Mrs. Mary, widow of Rev. John Holmes, and daughter of John Wood of Plymouth. She died 6 Jan., 1714-5. His biographer says, "He was next to Miles Standish a chief military man of the colony. In Philip's War, he was commander-in-chief of the Plymouth forces, and often exposed himself to all its perils. At the Narragansett Fort fight, he received a musket ball in his flesh, which he carried the remainder of his life. In that desperate mid-winter encounter, when both parties fought for their very existence, nearly a thousand Indians fell a sacrifice, and about one hundred and fifty of the English were killed or wounded." In the war with the Indians he held the rank of major, and was assistant treasurer and deputy governor of Plymouth from 1682 to 1686, and from 1689 to 1691, and in the latter year he was one of the council of Massachusetts. His residence was in what is now Kingston, R. I., on the north side of Jones' River. He died 20 Feb., 1703-4.

#### Children by Alice.

6. John, b. 20 Feb., 1651-2; m. Mercy Warren.
7. William, b. 11 March, 1654; m. Rebecca Bartlett.
8. Thomas, b. ; m.
9. Samuel, b. 1668; m. Hannah Rogers.
10. Alice, b. ; m. 1st, Rev. William Adams;  
2d, Major James Fitch.
11. Hannah, b. ; m. Joshua Ripley, 1682.
12. Mercy, b. ; m. Samuel Steel.
13. Melatiah, b. ; m. John Steel.
14. Mary, b. ; m. William Hunt.
15. Sarah, b. ; m. Kenelm Baker.

#### Children by Widow Wiswall.

16. Joseph, b. about 1674; m. Anna Fitch.
17. Israel, b. ; m. Sarah Bartlett.

- 18. Ephraim, b. ; m. Elizabeth Bartlett.
- 19. David, b. ; m. Elizabeth Finney.
- 20. Hezekiah, b. ; m. Mary Ohandler.

II. JOSEPH (5), b. about 1630, son of Governor William Bradford and Alice Southworth; married Jael, daughter of Rev. Peter Hobert, the first minister of Hingham, 25 May, 1664. She died in 1730, aged 88 years. He resided in Kingston (then Plymouth), on Jones' River, half a mile from its mouth, at a place called Flat House Dock, and died there 20 July, 1715.

#### Children.

- 21. Elisha, b. ; m. 1st, Hannah Cole; 2d, Bathshoba Brocko.
- 22. Joseph, b. 18 April, 1665.

III. JOHN (6), b. 20 Feb., 1653, son of William Bradford and Alice Richards; married 5 Feb., 1674-5, Mercy, daughter of Joseph Warren of Plymouth. His residence was in Kingston (then Plymouth), a few rods from the landing. He was a major, and a deputy to the general court from 1689 to 1691. He was the first representative to the General Court of Massachusetts from Plymouth. He died 8 Dec., 1736, aged nearly 84 years. She died in March, 1747, aged 94 years. They lived together sixty-two years.

#### Children.

- 23. John, b. 25 Dec., 1675; m. Rebecca Bartlett.
- 24. Alice, b. 28 Jan., 1677; m. 1st, Edward Mitchell; 2d, Joshua Hersey.
- 25. Abigail, b. 10 Dec., 1679; died 4 March, 1697, unm.
- 26. Mercy, b. 20 Dec., 1681; m. 1st, Jonathan Freeman; 2d, Isaac Cushman, Jr.
- 27. Samuel, b. 23 Dec., 1683; m. Sarah Gray.
- 28. Priscilla, b. 10 March, 1686; m. Seth Chipman.
- 29. William, b. 15 April, 1688; m. Hannah Foster.

III. WILLIAM (7), b. 11 March, 1655, son of William Bradford and Alice Richards; married Rebecca Bartlett of Duxberry, 1679. He resided at Kingston, and died there in 1687.

Children.

- 30. Alice, b. 1680; m. William Barns.
- 31. William, b. ; m. Elizabeth Finney.
- 32. Sarah, b. ; m. Jonathan Barns.

III. SAMUEL (9), b. 1668, son of William Bradford and Alice Richards; married July, 1689, Hannah, daughter of John Rogers of Duxberry. He was called Lieutenant Samuel Bradford, and lived about a third of a mile northwest from the mouth of Island Creek. His name appears on the records of Duxberry as early as 1700. He died there 11 April, 1714, aged 46 years.

Children.

- 33. Hannah, b. 14 Feb., 1689-90; m. Nathaniel Gilbert.
- 34. Gershom, b. 21 Dec., 1691; m. Priscilla Wiswall.
- 35. Perez, b. 28 Dec., 1694; m. Abigail Belch.
- 36. Elizabeth, b. 15 Dec., 1696; m. William Whitney of Hartford.
- 37. Jerusha, b. 10 March, 1699; m. Rev. Ebenezer Gay.
- 38. Welthea, b. 15 May, 1702; m. ——— Lane.
- 39. Gamaliel, b. in May, 1704; m. Abigail Bartlett.

III. JOSEPH (16), b. about 1674, son of William Bradford and the Widow Wiswall; married 5 Oct., 1698, Anna, daughter of Rev. James Fitch and Priscilla Mason. She died at Lebanon, 17 Oct., 1715. He afterwards married Mary (Sherwood) Fitch, widow of Captain Daniel Fitch. He removed from Lebanon to the North Parish of New London about 1717, where he was very active in the business affairs of the parish. He resided on the farm now owned and occupied by J. Randolph Rogers, and formerly called the Perez Bradford Farm. He was chosen elder in the church in 1724, and died 16 Jan., 1747, aged 73 years. She died 16 Sept., 1752.



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## Children by Anna.

- 40. Anna, b. 26 July, 1699.
- 41. Joseph, b. 9 April, 1702; m. Henrietta Swift.
- 42. Priscilla, twin to Joseph; m. Samuel Hyde.
- 43. Althea, b. 6 April, 1704; died young.
- 44. Irena, twin to Althea; died young.
- 45. Sarah, b. 21 Sept., 1706; m. Benjamin Willis.
- 46. Hannah, b. 24 May, 1709.
- 47. Elizabeth, b. 21 Oct., 1712; m. (possibly Charles Whiting).
- 48. Althea, b. 19 Sept., 1715; m. David Hyde.
- 49. Irena, twin to Althea; m. Jonathan James, 18 March, 1736.

## Child by Mary.

- 50. John, b. 20 May, 1717; m. Esther Sherwood.

III. ISRAEL (17), b. , son of William Bradford and the Widow Wiswall; married Sarah Bartlett. He resided in Kingston, Mass.

## Children.

- 51. Ruth, b. 11 Dec., 1702; died young.
- 52. Bathsheba, b. 8 Nov., 1703; m. Thomas Adams.
- 53. Benjamin, b. 17 Oct., 1705; m. 1st, Zeresh Stetson; 2d, Mary Clitman.
- 54. Abner, b. 25 Dec., 1707; m. Susanna Porter.
- 55. Joshua, b. 23 June, 1710; m. Hannah Bradford.
- 56. Ichabod, b. 22 Sept., 1713; m. Mary Johnson.
- 57. Elisha, b. 26 March, 1718.

III. EPHRAIM (18), b. , son of William Bradford and the Widow Wiswall; married 13 Feb., 1710, Elizabeth Bartlett. He resided in Kingston, Mass.

## Children.

- 58. Deborah, b. 21 June, 1712; died 10 Jan., 1732.
- 59. Anna, b. 25 July, 1715.
- 60. Elizabeth, b. 3 Nov., 1717.

- 61. Ephraim, b. 1 Jan., 1719.
- 62. Abigail, b. 28 Feb., 1720.
- 63. Susanna, b. 3 May, 1721.
- 64. Elijah, b. 23 Jan., 1723.

IV. JOSEPH (47), b. 1710, son of Joseph Bradford and Anna Fitch; married 1730, Henrietta Swift. He resided in North Parish (now Montville).

#### Children.

- 65. Elizabeth, b. 17 Jan., 1731; m. Richard Mays.
- 66. Anna, b. 23 July, 1732.
- 67. William, b. 13 April, 1734; m. Sarah Rich.
- 68. Honora Swift, b. 21 Aug., 1736; m. Charles Whiting, 1750.
- 68a. Robert, b. 21 July, 1739.
- 68b. Hannah, b. 10 March, 1740-1.
- 68c. Joseph, b. 10 Jan., 1744-5.

IV. JOHN (51), b. 20 May, 1717, son of Joseph Bradford and Mary (Sherwood) Fitch; married 15 Dec., 1736, Esther Sherwood. He was a farmer, and resided in North Parish (now Montville). He died 10 March, 1787, aged 70 years.

#### Children.

- 69. Samuel, b. 4 Jan., 1738; m. Bridget Comstock.
- 70. John, b. 7 Dec., 1739; m. Mary Fitch.
- 71. Joseph, b. 17 June, 1742; m. Eunice Maples.
- 72. Sarah, b. 27 July, 1744; m. Nathaniel Comstock.
- 73. Perez, b. 11 Oct., 1746; m. Betsey Rogers.
- 74. Benjamin, b. 8 Oct., 1748; m. Parthenia Rogers.
- 75. Eleanor, b. ; died young.
- 76. Rebecca, b. in Jan., 1754; m. Benjamin Ford.
- 77. Mary, b. 17 Jan., 1756.

V. SAMUEL (69), b. 4 Jan., 1738, son of John Bradford and Esther Sherwood; married Bridget Comstock, daughter of Nathaniel Comstock and Margaret Fox. He was a farmer, and resided in North Parish (now Montville). He died 29 July, 1807. She died 15 July, 1830.

## Children.

78. Bridget, b. about 1760; m. Ephraim Wells, 13 Feb., 1814.
79. Eleanor, b. about 1762; m. Mulford Raymond.
80. Samuel, b. about 1764; m. Abby Dolbeare.
81. Nathaniel, b. 13 Oct., 1766; m. Lucy Raymond.
82. Peggy, b. about 1769; m. Daniel Prentis, 5 Dec., 1806.
83. William, b. 30 Jan., 1772; m. 1st, Parthenia Bradford; 2d, Hannah Dolbeare.
84. Sarah, b. about 1774; m. George Dolbeare.
85. Esther, b. about 1782; m. Reynolds Johnson.

V. JOHN (70), b. 7 Dec., 1739, son of John Bradford and Esther Sherwood; married, about 1764, Mary, daughter of Daniel Fitch and Sarah Sherwood. He was a farmer, and resided first in North Parish, and about the year 1782 removed and settled in Cornwall, Litchfield County, Conn. He died there about 1819, aged 80 years. She died 15 Nov., 1780, aged 35 years, and was buried in the Raymond Hill Cemetery, Montville.

## Children.

86. James Fitch, b. 1 May, 1767; married Mary Merwin, 14 Dec., 1790.
87. Rachel, b. ; m. Shubael Lowrey.
88. Mary, b. ; m. Daniel Sterling.
89. Abigail, b. 18 July, 1773; m. David Smith, 13 Oct., 1799.
90. Rebecca, b. ; m. Herman Harrison.
91. Eleanor, b. ; m. Joseph Harrison.

V. JOSEPH (71), b. 17 June, 1742, son of John Bradford and Esther Sherwood; married Eunice Maples, b. about 1750, daughter of Stephen Maples and Eunice Way. He resided in Montville, where both joined the church, 3 Oct., 1790. He was a farmer, and died 21 March, 1815. She died 22 Oct., 1821, aged 71 years.



## Children.

- 92. Joseph, b.
- 93. Stephen, b. ; m.
- 94. William, b. ; died 5 Sept., 1800.
- 95. Sherwood, b. ; died 16 Nov., 1805.
- 96. Patience, b.
- 97. John, b.
- 98. Eunice, b.
- 99. Benjamin, b.
- 100. Sarah, b. ; m. Nathaniel Hillhouse, Oct.,  
1816.

V. PEREZ (73), b. 11 Oct., 1746, son of John Bradford and Esther Sherwood; married 22 Feb., 1770, Betsey, daughter of Thomas Rogers and Sarah Fitch. He resided in Montville, and was a farmer and tanner. He died 8 May, 1817. She was instantly killed by a stroke of lightning, while attending divine service in the old meeting-house, on the 25th day of May, 1823, at the age of 72 years.

## Children.

- 101. Adonijah Fitch, b. 9 Aug., 1771; m. Sarah Dolbeare.
- 102. Parthenia, b. 13 Aug., 1773; m. William Bradford.

V. BENJAMIN (74), b. 8 Oct., 1748, son of John Bradford and Esther Sherwood; married Parthenia, daughter of Thomas Rogers and Sarah Fitch. He settled in the north part of North Parish, in Salem Society, where he owned a farm. The date of his death or that of his wife has not been ascertained.

## Child.

- 102a. Thomas, b. 16 Nov., 1776; m. Mercy Fox.

VI. SAMUEL (80), b. about 1764, son of Samuel Bradford and Bridget Comstock; married 2 May, 1795, Abby Dolbeare, b. 1 April, 1774, daughter of Samuel Dolbeare and Hannah Mumford. He settled at Montville, and

was a farmer. He owned and occupied the farm called the "Bradford Place," situated near Massapeag Station, and now in the possession of Captain Jerome W. Williams. He died 28 July, 1828. She died 4 Dec., 1841.

#### Children.

- 103. Abby, b. about 1795; died 7 June, 1868, unkm.
- 104. Hannah, b. about 1799; died 14 Nov., 1869, unkm.
- 105. Samuel S., b. 11 April, 1804; m. Abby Branch, 22 Feb., 1830.
- 106. George D., b. about 1807; m. Caroline C. Adgate, 1830.
- 107. Julia Ann, b. about 1809; died 30 July, 1837, unkm.

VI. NATHANIEL (81), b. 13 Oct., 1766, son of Samuel Bradford and Bridget Comstock; married 31 Jan., 1790, Lucy, daughter of Joshua Raymond and Lucy Jewett. He settled at Montville, was a farmer, and owned a farm near Uncasville. He was a thorough Methodist, and contributed largely toward the support of the ministry. She died 18 Aug., 1831, aged 66 years. He died suddenly, 16 Sept., 1832, aged 65 years. Their funeral sermons were both preached by the Rev. Ralph Hurlburt of Groton.

#### Children.

- 108. Nathaniel Burr, b. 9 Dec., 1795; married 1835, Rachel Fitch, daughter of James Fitch and Abigail Fox. He was a farmer and owned several hundred acres of land. He lived at the "Haughton Place" from the date of his purchase in 1836 until his death. His inventory amounted to \$49,648.98. In his last will, after bequeathing to his wife the sum of five thousand dollars in money and household effects, and twenty-five hundred dollars to his niece and nephew, the balance was given to the A. B. of C. for F. M. He died 11 Oct., 1870. His widow was living at Montville in 1896.
- 109. Joshua Raymond, b. 9 Jan., 1801; m. Nov., 1848, Eliza (Baker) Holmes, daughter of Lemuel Baker. She

- died 10 Nov., 1861. He was an invalid for several years before his death. He died 3 Jan., 1874.
110. Ursula, b. 21 Oct., 1790; died 13 Aug., 1877, unm.
111. Harriet, b. 16 April, 1793; m. Feb., 1837, Dr. Jedediah R. Gay. He was an eclectic physician, and was very successful in his practice, and greatly esteemed as a citizen. He died at Montville in 1884. She died 2 Jan., 1875, without issue.
112. Sarah, b. 2 Nov., 1798; m. 14 Nov., 1828, Bartholomew C. Baxter, b. 8 March, 1800, at New London, Conn. He was a druggist at New London until 1855, when he, with his family removed to Bethlehem, Pa.; both are dead. They had two children, Sophia Nichols, b. 6 Sept., 1829. She received the bulk of the property at his death. She was living at New York in 1896; and Richard, b. 4 March, 1831. He married in California, 28 April, 1858, Emma G. Dutch, b. 15 Jan., 1835, at New York. They had two children, Richard Bradford, b. 28 Jan., 1859, and George James, b. 11 June, 1861.

VI. WILLIAM (83), b. 30 Jan., 1772, son of Samuel Bradford and Bridget Comstock; m. 24 Jan., 1796, Parthenia, daughter of Perez Bradford and Betsey Rogers. Was a farmer, and lived at Montville. She died 20 Dec., 1796. He afterwards married, 30 Jan., 1803, Hannah, daughter of John Dolbear and Sarah Raymond. He died 14 Jan., 1846. She died 3 Oct., 1867.

#### Child by Parthenia.

113. Parthenia, b. 4 Dec., 1796; m. Henry Church. They had one daughter, Betsey, who married Charles Waterman of Norwich. Their daughter, Kate Waterman, married Charles H. Cobb of Norwich, who died suddenly, 6 June, 1878, and suspicion of poison by his wife was thought to be the cause of his death. His stomach and liver were analyzed, and found to contain arsenic of sufficient quantity to produce death. She was arraigned, and tried in the Superior Court for the murder of her hus-

band. She was found guilty, and sentenced to confinement in the State Prison during her life.

Children by Hannah.

- 114. Jennett, b. 10 Dec., 1803; died 16 Oct., 1827, unm.
- 115. John Dolbeare, b. 7 May, 1806; m. Susan Fitch.
- 116. William B., b. 1 Feb., 1808; living in 1896, unm.
- 117. Samuel P., b. 23 April, 1810; died 2 Dec., 1861, unm.
- 118. Benjamin Franklin, b. 1818; m. Nancy Pratt.

VI. ADONIJAH FITCH (100), b. 9 Aug., 1771, son of Perez Bradford and Betsey Rogers; married 27 April, 1794, Sarah Dolbeare, daughter of John Dolbeare and Sarah Raymond. He was a farmer, and settled in Montville. He represented the town in the state legislature in 1800.

Children.

- 119. Perez Fitch, b. 23 Feb., 1795; died unm.
- 120. John Dolbeare, b. 28 Aug., 1797; m. twice; died in Vineland, N. J.
- 121. Sarah Sherwood, b. 8 Nov., 1799; m. Captain Gurdon Allyn of Ledyard.
- 122. Betsey Rogers, b. 7 July, 1802; m. 7 Aug., 1836, George Andrews of Boston, b. 31 May, 1805; died 29 May, 1877. She died 1844. Had daughter, Mary Leonard, b. at Boston 27 Sept., 1837; m. 24 Jan., 1857, Frank Robinson.

VI. THOMAS (102), b. 16 Nov., 1776, son of Benjamin Bradford and Parthenia Rogers; married 23 April, 1806, Mercy, daughter of Elisha Fox and Anna Fitch. He was a farmer, and settled first in New Salem Society, in North Parish (now Salem, Conn.).

Children.

- 123. Parthenia R., b. 13 Jan., 1807; m. George Barker of Hebron. They had one son, George M., b. 4 March, 1845.

- 124. Rachel, b. 3 April, 1808; m. Elisha Bolles.
- 125. Anna F., b. 22 Nov., 1809; m. Aaron Bogue in 1835.
- 126. Elisha B., b. 22 Sept., 1811; m. Thankful T. Faunce, 30 May, 1838. He was a methodist minister and at one time was located at Uncasville. He afterwards removed to Massachusetts, and was living at Hyde Park in 1884. He had three children, William Fish, b. 27 March, 1839; died October 4, 1839; Anetta Faunce, b. 29 Oct., 1841; m. Charles A. House; Ella Albertine, b. 29 March, 1846; m. Waterman R. Burnham of Norwich, 4 Dec., 1883. He died in 1895.
- 127. Mary E., b. 18 June, 1815; m. Alphonse Rene.

VI. JAMES FITCH (86), b. 1 May, 1767, son of John Bradford and Mary Fitch; married 14 Dec., 1790, Mary Merwin, daughter of ——— of Goshen, Conn.

He was apprenticed at the age of fourteen to a tanner and shoemaker in Montville, and served seven years, when he removed to Cornwall, Conn., where his children were born, and where he died in Dec., 1837. She died 20 Dec., 1828.

#### Children.

- 129. Laura, b. 22 Dec., 1792; m. Lyman Fox, 28 Jan., 1813.
- 130. Mary, b. 25 Sept., 1794; m. Sherwood Williams, 14 Dec., 1813.
- 131. Merwin, b. 10 June, 1797; died in infancy.
- 132. Emeline, b. 23 Aug., 1798; m. William Marsh, M.D.
- 133. John, b. 8 July, 1801; m. Lucretia Harrison, 28 Sept., 1829.
- 134. Fowler, twin of John, m. Charlotte Belden, 31 May, 1831.
- 135. Charlotte, b. 5 Sept., 1803; m. Edwin Rugg, 29 May, 1832.
- 136. James Fitch, b. 2 Sept., 1805; m. Catherine Catlin, 22 Dec., 1830.
- 137. Eleanor, b. 28 March, 1809; m. John R. Harrison.
- 138. Uri, b. 13 Feb., 1811; m. Charlotte Hubbard.
- 139. Sarah M., b. 14 April, 1813; m. Edwin Rugg, 28 Nov., 1837.

140. Benjamin, b. 25 Feb., 1815; m. Rebecca Jackson; died 24 Dec., 1866.

VII. SAMUEL SHERWOOD (105), b. 11 April, 1804, son of Samuel Bradford and Abby Dolbeare; married 22 Feb., 1830, Abby Branch, daughter of Moses Branch of Preston. He was a farmer and carpenter, and settled at Montville. He died 6 Jan., 1891.

Children.

128. Samuel Denison, b. 5 Jan., 1832; m. Adelia Hyde, daughter of Harlem Hyde of Norwich; they had four children, May, b. 16 Aug., 1863; George, b. 6 May, 1868; Julia Ann, and Jennie Abby; the last two were twins, and born 29 March, 1874.

## OTIS FAMILIES.

John Otis was born in Glastonbury, Somerset, England, in 1581. He was the son of Richard Otis of Glastonbury, County of Somerset, England, who, in his will, dated 17 of November, 1611, mentions sons, Stephen, John, and Thomas, and two daughters, leaving a wife. He came to New England and settled at Hingham, Mass., and drew house lots in the first division of lands in that town in 1635, and is the ancestor of the families by the name of Otis that first settled in New London and Colchester, Conn. He was a substantial yeoman, and probably left his country on account of the persecutions of the Puritans, accompanied by his pastor, Rev. Peter Hobert, a staunch non-conforming clergyman.

It has not been ascertained with certainty when he landed on the New England shores, or in whose company he came. The first that is known his name appears among the twenty-nine associates of Rev. Peter Hobert, who drew house lots on the 18th of September, 1635, at Hingham. He took the freeman's oath 3d of March, 1635-6. His place of residence at Hingham was at Otis Hill, still so called. Mr. Otis was married to his first wife, Margaret, in England, and she died at Hingham June, 1653. He then removed to Weymouth and married a second wife, who survived him, but her name does not appear. Hobert's journal records the death of Mr. Otis "at Waimouth, May 31, 1657," aged 76 years. His will is dated at Weymouth the day previous to his death and was proved 28th of July in the same year.

### Children.

2. John, b. in England, 14 Jan., 1622; m. Mary Jacobs.
3. Margaret, b. in England,                   ; m. Thomas Burton.

4. Hannon, b. in England, ; m. Thomas Gill.
5. Ann, b. in England.
6. Alice, b.

II. JOHN (2), b. 14 January, 1622, son of John Otis and Margaret ———; married in 1652-3, Mary, daughter of Nicholas Jacobs, who came over in 1633. He accompanied his parents in their emigration to New England, and settled at Hingham. In 1661 he removed to Scituate, where he received a grant of land; in 1678 he went to Barnstable. He left there his son, John, returned and died at Scituate, 16th of January, 1683. His monument is in the old burying-ground in "meeting-house lane," one mile south of the harbor.

#### Children.

7. Mary, bap. in 1653; m. Col. John Gorham, 1694, and had 5 sons and 4 daughters.
8. Elizabeth, b. ; m. 1st, Thomas Allen, 1688; 2d, David Loring, 1699.
9. John, b. , 1657; m. Mercy Bacon, 1683.
10. Hannah, b. , 1660.
11. Stephen, b. , 1661; m. Hannah Ensign, 1685.
12. James, b. , 1663; he joined the Canada expedition under Sir William Phipps; was at the taking of Port Royal, and was killed in the attack on Quebec.
13. Joseph, b. , 1665; m. Dorothy Thomas.
14. Job, b. 20 March, 1667; m. Mary Little.

III. JOHN (9), b. in 1657, son of John Otis and Mary Jacobs; m. 18 July, 1683, Mary Bacon. He settled at Barnstable, and his talents soon made him one of the most respectable and trustworthy men in the country. He was employed in a variety of trusts, which he discharged with fidelity and skill. For twenty years he was representative to the general court; above eighteen years commander of the militia of the county; for thirteen years chief justice of the court of common pleas, and first judge of probate. In 1706 he was chosen one of the Majesty's council, and set at the honorable board



twenty-one years, till death gave him a discharge from every labor and laid his earthly honors in the dust. He died 23d of September, 1727, aged 70 years.

#### Children.

15. Mary, b. 10 Dec., 1685; m. ——— Little.
16. John, b. 14 Jan., 1687; m. Grace Hayman.
17. Nathaniel, b. 28 May, 1690; m. Abigail Russell.
18. Mercy, b. 15 Oct., 1693.
19. Solomon, b. 13 Oct., 1696; m. Jane Turner.
20. James, b. 14 June, 1702; m. Mary Allyne.

III. JOSEPH (13), b. 1665, son of John Otis and Mary Jacobs; married 20th of November, 1688, Dorothy, daughter of Nathaniel Thomas of Marshfield. Her ancestors successively owned and resided on the estate, afterwards the home of Hon. Daniel Webster. He held many offices of responsibility and trust in his native place (Scituate). He held the office of judge of the court of common pleas for Plymouth county from 1703 to 1714. In 1710 he was elected, under the governor's orders, representative to the general court, and again in 1713. He held also offices in the town. Judge Otis is spoken of by his contemporaries "as a gentleman of great integrity, a judicious and useful citizen." It was said of him soon after his death, "He was a Christian upon principle, a public, spiritual, and useful man, distinguished by talents of the solid, judicial, and useful, rather than of the brilliant and showy kind. He was large in stature, his countenance solemn and serene, frank and open in his manners, of ready wit and sound understanding. As a private individual, he had the union of simple dignity and benevolent courtesy which mark the gentleman."

He removed to New London, North Parish (now Montville), in 1721, his sons, and probably some of his daughters, having removed here in advance of their parents. In 1714 he purchased land of Capt. Samuel Gilbert, being a farm of

230 acres, lying in the eastern part of Colchester, now Salem, for £770. This land he afterwards conveyed by deed of gift to his son, Nathaniel. He also purchased a tract of 650 acres of James Harris, lying in the North Parish of New London, "adjoining the pond called Obplintksok," now Gardner's Lake. This land was first purchased by Thomas Stanton of Stonington of Oneco, 11th of November, 1698, and by him conveyed to Lieut. James Harris. After his removal to the North Parish he was much in public employment; moderator of town meetings and on parish and church committees almost yearly. He died at North Parish 11th of June, 1754, greatly lamented. She died 18th of February, 1755.

#### Children.

21. Nathaniel, b. at Scituate 30 Jan., 1689-90; m. Hannah Thacher.
22. James, b. at Scituate 21 Jan., 1692-3; m. Sarah Tudor.
23. Deborah, b. 24 April, 1694; m. David Copp.
24. Mary, b. 20 March, 1695-6; m. John Thompson.
25. Dorothy, b. 24 April, 1698; m. 1st, Patrick McClellan; 2d, Cary Latham; 3d, John Bissel.
26. Elizabeth, b. 2 Sept., 1700; m. Luke Lincoln.
27. Ann, b. 21 Sept., 1702; m. Robert McClelland.
28. Bethia, b. 20 Nov., 1703; m. 1st, Rev. Mr. Billings; 2d, Rev. Mr. Moreley.
29. Delight, b. 19 Dec., 1706; m. Jabez Lathrop.
30. Hannah, b. 10 Dec., 1709; died in 1725.
31. Joseph, b. 1 Oct., 1712; m. Elizabeth Little.
32. Rachel, b. 1 Dec., 1713; m. Jonathan Harris.

IV. JAMES (20), b. 14 June, 1702, son of John Otis and Mary Bacon; married Mary Allen, b. in 1702, at Plymouth. She was connected with the founders of the old colony, who came over in the Mayflower. Judge Otis was a lawyer, colonel, and judge. He was distinguished for his knowledge of law, and rose to be a man of great distinction and influence, of superior genius and native energy of mind, to which he was more indebted than a regular education for

the acquirements he possessed. He was elected a member of the Provincial Legislature in 1758, made speaker of the House in 1760, and continued in that office two years. In 1763 he was appointed judge of probate. His name has been frequently mentioned in terms of highest esteem as a compeer with Adams, Quincy, and Hancock. He settled at Barnstable, and died there the 9th of November, 1778.

#### Children.

33. James, b. 5 Feb., 1724-5; m. Ruth Cunningham.
34. Joseph, b. 6 March, 1725-6; m. 1st, Rebecca Sturgis; 2d, Maria Walter. He was for many years a clerk of the court of common pleas, a member of the legislature, and brigadier-general. President Washington appointed him collector of customs for the district of Barnstable, which office he held for many years. He had by both wives fifteen children. He died 24 September, 1810.
35. Mercy, b. 14 Sept., 1728; m. Gen. James Warren of Plymouth, a lineal descendant of Richard Warren, who came over in the Mayflower.
36. Mary, b. 9 Sept., 1730; m. John Gray.
37. Hannah, b. 31 July, 1732.
38. Nathaniel, b. 9 July, 1734; probably died young.
39. Abigail, b. 30 June, 1738; died young.
40. Elizabeth, b. 1 Sept., 1739.
41. Samuel Allyn, b. 24 Nov., 1740; m. 1st, Elizabeth Gray; 2d, Mary Gray.
42. Sarah, b. 11 April, 1742; died in infancy.
43. Nathaniel, b. 9 April, 1743; died 30 April, 1763.

IV. NATHANIEL (21), b. 30 January, 1689-90, son of Joseph Otis and Dorothy Thomas; married Hannah, daughter of Col. John Thacher of Yarmouth. He removed to Colchester about 1716, and settled on land which his father purchased of Capt. Samuel Gilbert. On this land he erected a dwelling-house, which is still standing, and which has been the residence of four successive generations. He held numerous offices in the town of Colchester, and died there the 15th

of April, 1771, aged 81 years. She died the 6th of May, 1780, aged 90 years.

Children.

44. Lydia, b. 20 Jan., 1716-17; m. 1st, Abner Kellogg; 2d, Capt. Amos Thomas.
45. Hannah, b. 29 Feb., 1717-18; m. Benajah McCall.
46. Dorothy, b. 16 April, 1721; m. 1st, Asahel Bigelow; 2d, Isaac Day; 3d, Joseph Langrill.
47. Desire, b. 20 May, 1723; m. Dea. Ichabod Bartlett.
48. Nathaniel, b. 20 Aug., 1725, at Colchester; and died 24 Jan., 1740-1. He was pursuing his studies preparatory to a collegiate course with Rev. David Jewett of Montville, when, one day, he ruptured a blood vessel, cutting wood in strife with another young man. His death soon followed, and his remains were taken to Colchester and interred in the old burying-ground at that place.
49. Delight, b. ; died young.
50. John, b. 1 April, 1728; m. Prudence Taintor.
51. Mercy, b. 3 July, 1734; m. Nathaniel Bartlett.

IV. JAMES (22), b. 21 Jan., 1692, son of Joseph Otis and Dorothy Thomas; married Sarah Tudor of New York. He died at Saybrook, 1754. She died at Colchester, 15 Feb., 1788, aged 91 years.

Children.

52. James, b. , 1714. He was accidentally killed at a military parade at New London, at the age of 21 years. He had just been elected captain of the company, and in the careless discharge of fire-arms used on such occasions, he received a musket-charge in his head, killing him instantly.
53. John, b. , 1732; m. Lucy Darrow.
54. Elizabeth, b. ; m. Jonathan Bigelow.
55. Stephen, b. 30 Sept., 1738; m., in 1762, Lucy Chandler of Duxberry. She was born in 1738, and died 4 March, 1837, at the great age of 98 years, 8 months, and 2 days. They lived at Colchester, where they had eleven children born. He was in the old French war under General Putnam, was stationed at Fort

Stanwix, and was at the taking of Montreal. He was also a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and saw the burning of New London. He died at Halifax, Vt., aged 93 years.

IV. JOSEPH (31), b. 1 Oct., 1712, son of Joseph Otis and Dorothy Thomas; married Elizabeth, daughter of David Little of Scituate, and sister of Rev. Mr. Little, a former minister of Colchester. He settled in North Parish (now Montville); was a farmer. He lived on the farm afterwards owned by Nathaniel Comstock, on Raymond Hill. He united with the church under the pastorate of Rev. James Hillhouse, Oct. 4, 1732, and was chosen an elder of the church in Jan., 1749-50. He was afterwards chosen a deacon. He died in 1793.

#### Children.

56. Joseph, b. 11 Aug., 1739; m. 1st, Lucy Haughton; 2d, Widow Carew of Norwich; 3d, Abigail Hurlburt.
57. Elizabeth, b. 11 Oct., 1740; m. Joseph Chester.
58. Nathaniel, b. 26 March, 1742; m. Amy Gardner.
59. David, b. 3 June, 1743; m. Mary Day.
60. Mabel, b. 31 Aug., 1745; m. Jesse Woodworth.
61. Marcy, b. 5 June, 1747; m. Perrin Ross.
62. Dorothy, b.       , 1749; died young.
63. James, b. 26 June, 1751; m. Sarah Holmes.
64. Jonathan, b. 1 March, 1753. He entered the service during the Revolutionary war, and was slain in the memorable massacre of Wyoming, 3 July, 1778. He was ensign in the Plymouth company, commanded by Capt. Asaph Whittlesey.
65. Dorothy, b. 24 Feb., 1755.
66. Olive, b. 14 Jan., 1757.
67. Barnabas, b.       , 1759; removed to Ohio.
68. Shubael, b. 6 Dec., 1760. He entered the service during the Revolutionary war, and was killed at Rhode Island.
69. William, b.       , 1762; m. and settled in the state of New York.

V. JAMES (33), b. 5 Feb., 1724-5, son of James Otis and Mary Allyn; married 1755, Ruth Cunningham. The life of James Otis, "The Patriot," has been given to the world in a variety of forms. Before the year 1770 no American, Dr. Franklin, only, excepted, who was so much known throughout the colonies and England as James Otis. For ten years, in the struggle for liberty, he was looked upon as the safeguard and ornament of the cause, and the splendor of his intellect threw into the shade all the great contemporary lights. The cause of American Independence was for a long time identified abroad with the name of Otis. In the year 1761 he distinguished himself by pleading against the "Writs of Assistance." He was a member of the "Stamp Act Congress," held in New York in 1765.

Besides his legal and political knowledge, he was a complete master of classical literature. Such was the strong hatred towards him by the Royalists, that one day he was attacked by one of that party, cruelly beaten, his head cut open, and, when found, was bleeding and faint, a spectacle of ruin, and was but the wreck of what he once had been. His wounds, though not fatal, had destroyed his reason, and the great man was no longer feared by the enemies of liberty. He lived several years after this brutal attack, but a melancholy monument to his friends. The manner of his death was a singular coincidence with a wish he had often expressed to his sister, Mrs. Warren.

"My dear sister: I hope when God Almighty, in righteous providence, shall take me out of time into eternity, that it will be by a flash of lightning."

This was a singular wish, and what is still more singular, that wish was granted. On the 23d day of May, 1783, as he was standing at the door of a house in Andover, Mass., he was instantly killed by a stroke of lightning. Mr. Adams, then minister to France, after hearing of the death of the patriot, wrote:

“It is with very afflicting sentiments I learned the death of Mr. Otis, my worthy master. Extraordinary in death, as in life, he has left a character that will never die while the memory of the American Revolution remains; whose foundation he laid with an energy, and with those masterly abilities which no other man possessed.”

His historian, Tudor, says: “The future historian of the United States, in considering the foundation of American independence, will find that one of the corner-stones must be inscribed with the name of James Otis. She died 15 Nov., 1789, aged 60 years.

#### Children.

70. James, b.           , 1755. He entered at the beginning of the Revolutionary War as a volunteer midshipman, and died, it is said, on board the “Jersey Prison Ship,” in 1777.
71. Elizabeth, b.           ; m. Capt. ——— Brown, an officer in the English army. She left the country with her husband during the war. She was living a widow in England in 1821. Her alliance with the British officer deeply offended her father, and in his will he left her but five shillings.
72. Mary, b.           ; m. Benjamin Lincoln, the eldest son of General Lincoln of Revolutionary notoriety. She possessed fine talents and an agreeable character, and died at Cambridge in 1806, leaving two sons, Benjamin and James Otis.

V. JOIN (50), b. 1 April, 1728, son of Nathaniel Otis and Hannah Thacher; married 20 Dec., 1750, Prudence, daughter of Michael Taintor and Eunice Foot of Colchester, b. 9 Dec., 1729. He was a farmer and land surveyor. He resided in Colchester and held numerous offices in the town. He died 24 Oct., 1804. She died 7 June, 1823.

#### Children.

73. Hannah, b. 24 Feb., 1751-2; m. Martin Kellogg.
74. Nathaniel, b. 19 Jan., 1753-4; m. Mary Foot.

- 75. Sarah, b. 24 May, 1755; m. Isaac Foot.
- 76. Ann, b. 15 March, 1757; m. Daniel Wattles.
- 77. John Thacher, b. 31 Oct., 1758; m. Louisa Pomeroy.
- 78. Charles, b. 29 Oct., 1760; m. Elizabeth (Gould) Sweetland.
- 79. Prudence, b. 23 Nov., 1762; m. Ambrose Dutton.
- 80. Mercy, b. 17 Sept., 1764; m. 1st, Daniel Cone; 2d, Amos Skeel, M.D.
- 81. James, b. 6 June, 1767; m. Dorothy Foot.
- 82. Eunice, b. 28 Nov., 1770; m. Daniel Gardner.
- 83. David, b. 20 Aug., 1773; m. Anna Fowler.
- 84. Amos, b. 18 April, 1776; m. ——— Huntley.

V. JOSEPH (56), b. 11 Aug., 1739, son of Joseph Otis and Elizabeth Little; married 1st, Lucy Haughton, 4 Feb., 1761, daughter of Sampson Haughton; 2, Widow ——— Carew; and 3d, Abigail Hurlburt. His last wife survived him. He died at Westfield, Conn., in 1823.

#### Children by Lucy.

- 85. Joseph, b.           , 1768; m. Nancy Huntington.
- 86. James, b.           , 1770; died in 1791.
- 87. Oliver, b.           , 1773.
- 88. Shubael, b.           , 1776; m. 1st, Abigail Thomas.
- 89. A daughter, m. Benjamin Snow of Norwich.

V. NATHANIEL (58), b. 26 March, 1742, son of Joseph Otis and Elizabeth Little; married, about 1764, Amy, daughter of David Gardner and Jemima Gustin. He settled at Montville in New Salem Society (now in the town of Salem), his farm lying on the west side of Gardner Lake. He was a member of the Congregational church in Montville, an exemplary, devoted Christian man, commanding well his household, both by example and precept. He was very strict in his attendance upon divine worship, living, as he did, several miles from the meeting-house; he was always found at his post in the church, whether it rained or the sun shone, unless prevented by sickness. He was chosen deacon in 1770, and continued in the office until his death. Deacon Otis died with his son,



David G. Otis, at Waterford, 7 March, 1832, aged 92 years. She received a stroke of lightning about the year 1795, the lightning striking the dwelling where they lived, which prostrated her, she remaining unconscious for a time, and never fully recovered from the shock, but lived about twenty years, and died 30 Aug., 1815, aged 71 years.

#### Children.

90. Nathaniel, b. 25 Feb., 1765; m. Martha Gates.
91. Amos, b. 27 Aug., 1766; was drowned in Gardner Lake 27 May, 1786.
92. Asahel, b. 1 May, 1768; m. Mary Chester.
93. Eley, b. 3 July, 1770; died in 1795, unm.
94. Mabel, b. 28 April, 1772; m. 1st, Isaiah Rogers; 2d, ——— Carpenter.
95. Isaac, b. 18 April, 1774; drowned with his brother, Amos.
96. David G., b. 1 May, 1776; m. Nancy Perry.
97. Shubael, b. 2 May, 1778; died 25 Aug., 1840, unm.
98. Amy, b. 25 June, 1782; m. Oliver Baker.
99. Joseph, b. 1 May, 1784; died young.
100. Elizabeth, b. 26 May, 1787; m. John Williams.
101. Anna, b. 23 April, 1789; m. Samuel Harris.

VI. NATHANIEL (74), b. 19 Jan., 1753-4, son of John Otis and Prudence Taintor; m. 5 Nov., 1778, Mary, daughter of Israel Foot and Elizabeth Kimberly, b. 3 April, 1752. He resided at Hartford two or three years, and then removed to New London. His name appears on the records as "Surveyor of land for New London county." He was stationed at Horse Neck during a part of the Revolutionary war. He died in the peace of the Christian at New London, 18 March, 1834, aged 81 years. She died there 14 Nov., 1837, aged 85 years.

#### Children.

102. Mary, b. 25 Aug., 1779.
103. Israel, b. 28 June, 1781.
104. Asa, b. 16 Feb., 1786. He was never married. At the age of eighteen he entered upon the mercantile

career as a clerk in a New York wholesale house. Some years later, in Connecticut with his cousin, Joseph Otis, the founder of the Otis Library in Norwich, he established a wholesale auction and commission business in New York and Richmond, Va. The firm name was Joseph & Asa Otis. Illness compelled Joseph to retire from the firm. Subsequently the firm became Otis, Dunlop Morcom & Co. About the year 1835 Asa also retired from the firm and returned to New London, where he resided until his death. Mr. Otis did not engage in active business after his removal to New London, but permitted his ample fortune, which he had accumulated in business, to remain in stock and bond investment, from which his income is said to have been \$60,000 per annum. He was connected with the First Church of Christ (Episcopal) in New London, and gave largely to the building fund. It was his custom to make an annual gift of \$1,000 to the A. B. C. F. M. In his last will he gave the most of his property to that society, amounting to over one million of dollars. His death was as the burning out of a candle; he passed away calmly, in the full possession of his faculties, in the 94th year of his age. He was, at the time of his death, the oldest citizen of New London, as well as the wealthiest. The shining characteristic of this nonagenarian's life was his probity, his uncompromising integrity. This probity of personal character was the foundation and security of his great fortune. He began and continued honest. He never swerved or deviated to the fraction of a dollar. His truth and worth were appreciated by the commercial world, and that appreciation was constantly tributary to his increasing affluence. He was a man of sterling good sense, excellent judgment, of simple and quiet Christian enjoyment. His life had the spotlessness of marble and the simplicity of granite. He died

VI. JOHN THACHER (77), b. 31 Aug., 1758, son of John Otis and Prudence Taintor; married 9 Sept., 1782,

Louisa Pomeroy. He resided in Colchester and was a patriot of the Revolution. On the news of the battle of Lexington, then less than eighteen years of age, he sought the first opportunity to show his patriotism, and started with a small band and joined the American army at Cambridge. He was at Concord among those, who, on the night of the 4th of March, helped to take possession of Dorchester Heights. He was in one or two engagements at the battle of Stillwater, and at the surrender of Burgoyne. He bore honorable testimony to the courage of Putnam at Cambridge, that he was brave and true to his country. His life was active, his character energetic, and he was systematically devoted to the great end of existence and the duties of life. As an officer in the church he was very useful. He died at Colchester, 18 Sept., 1842. She died 3 Dec., 1837, aged 77 years.

#### Children.

105. Sarah, b. 9 May, 1784.
106. John Thacher, b. 4 Aug., 1786.
107. Louise, b. 27 June, 1788.
108. Charles Pomeroy, b. 22 April, 1790. He graduated at Yale College in 1829, and was principal of Bacon Academy ten years. He died 7 Jan., 1837.
109. Eunice, b. 29 March, 1794; died 30 Dec., 1814.
110. Dolly, b. 13 Aug., 1798.
111. Israel Taintor, b. 3 July, 1805. He graduated at Williams College in 1828, and at Andover in 1834. He was a minister and settled at Rye, N. H.

VI. DAVID (83), b. 20 August, 1773, son of John Otis and Prudence Taintor; married 25 Nov., 1802, Anna Fowler, b. 28 June, 1783, daughter of Capt. Amos Fowler of Lebanon. He lived a life of piety and died in faith and hope on the 13th of May, 1847.

#### Children.

112. Alfred, b. 4 March, 1804; m. Sophia Jane Worthington.
113. Clarissa Fowler, b. 17 Aug., 1805; m. Otis Skeel.

- 114. Rhoda Emeline, b. 27 July, 1807; m. Ambrose Dutton.
- 115. Orrin Fowler, b. 8 May, 1810.
- 116. Benjamin F., b. 20 Nov., 1811; m. Frances Jane Clark.
- 117. Harriet Newell, b. 22 March, 1814.
- 118. Horatio Nelson, b. 24 July, 1816.
- 119. Sarah Rebecca, b. 21 July, 1823.

VI. JOSEPH (85), b. July, 1768, son of Joseph Otis and Lucy Haughton, daughter of Sampson Haughton and Nancy Huntington of Norwich. Mr. Otis was a native of Norwich, born at Yantic, near the site of Williams Woolen Mill. At a very early age he went into the mercantile business at the "Landing," and as soon as he reached maturity entered into trade on his own account. He was successful in business at Charleston, S. C., New York, Norwich, and again in New York, where the greater part of his mercantile career was spent. He was connected with the Duane Street Presbyterian church, where he officiated as elder. He was the founder of "Otis Library" in Norwich. Its first cost was about \$10,500, and in his will he left \$6,500 more, to be funded for the future use of the library. He died at Norwich. She died there 27 Aug., 1844. No children.

VI. ASAHEL (92), b. 1 May, 1768, son of Nathaniel Otis and Amy Gardner; married 15 Jan., 1792, Mary, daughter of Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Otis. He settled at Montville, a farmer, and lived on the farm which he afterwards gave to his daughter, Mary Dorchester, since called the "Dorchester Place." He died 12 Jan., 1837. She died 4 Jan., 1834.

Children.

- 120. Joseph, b. 24 Sept., 1792; m. Nancy Billings.
- 121. Charles, b. 4 Oct., 1795.
- 122. Levi, b. 5 Sept., 1798; m. Nancy Bishop, 1823.
- 123. Maryan, b. 22 Dec., 1800; m. Rev. Daniel Dorchester.
- 124. Asahel Jackson, b. 4 April, 1803; m. Mary Ann Allen.

VI. DAVID GARDNER (96), b. 1 May, 1776, son of

Nathaniel Otis and Amy Gardner; married Nancy Perry, b. 15 Aug., 1779. He first resided at Waterford, near "Prospect Hill," and afterwards removed to Salem, a farmer. His last years were spent at East Lyme. He was of firm integrity, kind and generous to the poor. He was greatly respected by his fellow citizens. He died at East Lyme, 30 Dec., 1861. She died 16 May, 1866.

Children.

125. Elcy Ann, b. 12 Aug., 1799; m. Giles Miner in 1819.
126. Ruth Perry, b. 19 May, 1801; died 26 Oct., 1877, unm.
127. Anstrus G., b. 15 Nov., 1803; m. Alfred Loomis, 1825.
128. Amy Baker, b. 17 June, 1805; died 19 Feb., 1883, unm.
129. Frances Eliza, b. 23 Feb., 1807; died 20 Aug., 1876, unm.
130. David Perry, b. 28 Feb., 1809; m. 1st, Hannah Comstock; 2d, Julia Ann Florence. He died 30 Dec., 1890. She died 21 Feb., 1892.
131. John Darius, b. 25 March, 1815; m. Harriet N. Turner. He died at Hartford 28 July, 1891.

## STEBBINS FAMILY.

John Stebbins appears to have been among the first settlers of New London. He is mentioned as one of the advance party who were engaged in laying out and fencing lots as early as 1645. That year it is said that he mowed the meadows at upper Mamacock.

“ John Stubens and Robert Hempsted are chosen to view the fences for this year (1647).”

“ 22 Feb., 1648 (49), The inhabitants of Pequitt plantation have chosen by a joynt consent Mr. John Winthrop, Robert Hempsted, Carie Latham, John Stubens, and Thomas Miner for this yeare following to act in all towne affaires as well in the disposing of lands as in other prudentiall occasions for the towne.”

His house-lot lay northwest of John Winthrop's, on the upper part of what are now Williams street and Main street.

“ At a town meeting at Namearke, the 25th of Feb., 1649 (50), John Stubbins is chosen Constable for the towne Namearke.”

In 1652 a small island “ at the mouth of Mistick,” containing near twenty acres of marsh, was granted to Robert Hempsted and John Stebbins. At a town meeting held Nov. 29, 1669, John Stebbins, William Hough, Clement Miner, and Isaac Willey were chosen to lay out the “ Kings highway between New London and the head of the Niantick river.”

In one deposition on record at New London his age is said to be sixty in 1661, and in another seventy in 1675. Where the mistake lies cannot be decided. It is probable that he was the John Stebbins who had a son born at Watertown in 1640. His wife, Margaret, died January 1, 1678-9. Three children are mentioned, John, Daniel, and the wife of Thomas

Marshall of Hartford. John Stebbins, 2d, was married about 1663, to Deborah, supposed to have been the daughter of Miles Moore. He died in 1707. Daniel Stebbins married Bethia, daughter of Gideon Comstock. They had a son, Christopher, born 7 July, 1694, and married 22 Dec., 1720, Abigail Allen, born about 1706, daughter of Samuel Allen and Lydia Hastings.

#### Children.

2. Lydia, b. 8 Jan., 1723; m. Amariah Lyon.
3. Jabez, b. 17 May, 1728; m. Sarah Turner.
4. Abigail, b. 19 Aug., 1730.
5. Bethia, b. 22 Dec., 1735.
6. Christopher, b. 13 Sept., 1739.
7. Ann, b. 1 March, 1742.

Abigail, the wife of Christopher Stebbins, died 22 July, 1754. He afterwards married 1 Dec., 1754, Lydia, daughter of John Stebbins. His daughters, Lydia and Abigail, were members of the church in North Parish, and joined there during the pastorate of Rev. David Jewett.

JABEZ (3), son of Christopher Stebbins and Abigail Allen; married 19 May, 1748, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Turner and Patience Bolles. He was a farmer and settled in North Parish of New London. His farm was located on the old Colchester road, which led from New London to Colchester.

#### Children.

8. Joanna, b. 29 Nov., 1749; m. William Maples.
9. Lydia, b. 14 Feb., 1750; m. Joseph Adams of Groton.
10. Edward, b. 16 Nov., 1751; m. Ann Bishop.
11. Patience, b. 27 Jan., 1754; m. Joseph Chapel.
12. Abigail, b. 6 Feb., 1758; m. John McKnight.
13. Sarah, b. 2 April, 1764; m. ——— Adams, had son, Christopher.
14. Christopher, b. 8 Feb., 1766. Removed to Augusta, Oneida Co., New York.
15. Jabez, b. 22 May, 1767. Removed to Augusta, Oneida Co., New York.

EDWARD (10), son of Jabez Stebbins and Sarah Turner; married 13 Jan., 1774, Ann Bishop, b. \_\_\_\_\_; daughter of Eleazer Bishop and Ann ———. He was a farmer and lived on the old homestead at Montville. He died 6 April, 1832. She died 16 July, 1833.

## Children.

16. Hannah, b. 20 July, 1775; m. Comstock Chapel.
17. Eleazer, b. 4 Nov., 1777.
18. Turner, b. 6 Feb., 1780; m. 1st, Desire Dart, died 28 March, 1817; 2d, Rebecca Darrow.
19. Susanna, b. 28 June, 1782.
20. Edward, b. 12 Jan., 1785; died 19 Sept., 1805, unm.
21. Sarah, b. 26 Jan., 1787; m. Robert Dart.
22. Bishop, b. 2 April, 1789.
23. Nancy, b. 20 Feb., 1792; m. Jared Turner.
24. Lydia, b. 16 Sept., 1794; m. Daniel Darrow.
25. Mary, b. 26 Nov., 1796; m. Oliver Comstock.
26. Selina, b. 3 Jan., 1799; m. Caleb Lyon.



## HILL FAMILIES

The earliest account we have of the ancestor of the Hills, who first settled at New London, and afterwards at Montville, is of date June 26, 1665, when Charles Hill and Christopher Christophus formed a copartnership in trading, it being the first of which any record is found in New London. They purchased a warehouse that formerly belonged to John Tinker on "Mill Cove," afterwards called Winthrop's Cove.

Charles Hill, though styled of London, had previously been at the South, for in 1668 he assigned to Robert Prowse, merchant, "all my right to a plantation in Maryland, with milch cows and small cattle, etc., which have been four years jointly owned and cultivated by us."

Mr. Hill was a quaker by trade. He was chosen town recorder of New London, Feb. 25, 1669-70, and held the office until his death. His handwriting was compact, but not distinct. He was also clerk of the county court at the time of his decease.

The name of Charles Hill appears among others from New London, presented to the General Assembly at Hartford, Oct. 14, 1669, for freemen and admitted. At the general court, held at Hartford, May 12, 1670, an order was passed to empower the court at New London to examine the case relative to a Spaniard who was held by Mr. Hill as a servant, and if it should appear from evidence that the Spaniard was legally purchased by Mr. Hill, the court should empower some person to provide for his transportation to his native country, and a reasonable sum paid to Mr. Hill out of the public treasury for his time. How this case was disposed of, the records do not show.

Charles Hill was a son of George Hill of Parley, Derby-

shire, England. This George Hill was probably the one who "came from England to Virginia, 20 June, 1635," the record says "from the town of Gravesend." He probably settled in Virginia or Maryland, and his son Charles coming from the South, as the record shows that he formerly resided on a plantation in Maryland, and indicates that the connection between these persons was that of father and son.

Charles Hill married first, Ruth (Brewster) Picket, 16 July, 1668, widow of John Picket of New London, and daughter of Jonathan Brewster, whose father, William Brewster, was one of the band of Pilgrims that arrived at Plymouth in the Mayflower, December, 1620. The son came over in the Fortune, which arrived 10 Nov., 1621. Mrs. Hill died with her infant child, 30 April, 1677. He afterwards married Rachel Mason, 12 June, 1678, daughter of Major John Mason, deputy governor of the colony.

She and her infant child died in 1679. He died in Oct., 1684.

#### Children.

2. Jane, b. 9 Dec., 1669.
3. Charles, b. 16 Oct., 1671; m. Abigail Fox.
4. Ruth, b. Oct., 1673; died young.
5. Jonathan, b. Dec., 1674; m. Mary Sherwood.

II. CHARLES (3), b. 16 Oct., 1671, son of Charles Hill and Ruth (Brewster) Picket; married Abigail Fox, daughter of Samuel Fox and Mary Lester.

#### Children.

6. Hannah, b. 8 March, 1704.
7. Abigail, b. 24 Feb., 1708.
8. Charles, b. 23 Nov., 1710; m. Jane Chapman, 8 April, 1735, and had by her four children: 1st, Abigail, b. 4 Feb., 1737-8; 2d, Charles, b. 19 June, 1741; died Jan., 1742; 3d, Lucy, b. 9 Nov., 1742; 4th, Charles, b. 10 Sept., 1744.

II. JONATHAN 5), b. Dec. 1674 son of Charles Hill and Ruth Brewster; Picker: married Mary Sherwood, born about 1672, daughter of George Sherwood of New London. He settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, in land granted to his father by Oneco, son of Uneco, the famous chief of the Mohegans. Jonathan Hill also occupied lands in the North Parish, which were given to him by Oneco in 1707, in consideration of kindness shown to him by Jonathan Hill, in saving the chief's life, when he was in eminent danger of drowning. This gift consisted of two hundred acres "to be laid out by a surveyor about a mile or two west, northerly of the ancient Indian fence." In 1718 Governor Saltonstall made complaint to the General Assembly of contempt by Jonathan Hill in the house of the governor, but it does not appear that anything further was done in the matter, for in May, 1719, Mr. Hill was chosen a deputy for New London, and the governor objected to his being allowed to sit as such deputy until he had given the Assembly satisfaction, either of his innocence or repentance, but the Lower House resolved that the matters alleged against Mr. Hill were not sufficient to exclude him from a seat as member of that body, which office he held until 1722. Mr. Hill took much interest in both the church and society affairs, and matters of the state. He was among the first who joined the new church at North Parish, Nov. 11, 1722. He is reported as being an exhorter in religious meetings, and earnest in building up the church. In 1711 Jonathan Hill sold to Daniel Wetherel a lot in New London, which his father, Charles Hill, owned in his lifetime. He and his brother, Charles Hill, sold their interest in land in New London, which was granted to their father, with others, by the town, and was undivided to Jonathan Starr and others in 1710. The distribution of the estate of Jonathan Hill was received in the Probate Court of New London in 1727. It gave to his widow one third of the estate, a double portion to his son, Charlot,

and to each of the other children, viz.: George, John, Jane, Mary, and Ruth, the remainder in equal shares. Charlot, the eldest son, was appointed guardian to John, his youngest brother, and he was also administrator on the estate of his mother, Mary Hill, in 1733. Jonathan Hill died about 1725. Mary, his wife, died in 1733.

#### Children.

9. Jane, bap. 8 March, 1703; m. Abraham Avery.
10. Ruth, bap. 1 Feb., 1707; m. Jonathan Bushnell.
11. Mary, bap. 23 April, 1710.
12. Charlot, bap. 6 June, 1711; died about 1735, unm.
13. George, bap. 5 April, 1713; m. Johanna Vibber.
14. John, bap. 11 Sept., 1715; m. . Settled at Stonington, and died about 1753, leaving children.

III. GEORGE (13), b. about 1713, son of Jonathan Hill and Mary Sherwood; married about 1738, Johanna Vibber, daughter of John Vibber and Johanna Williams, b. 31 Oct., 1712. He settled on a farm formerly occupied by his father. He purchased, 11 Oct., 1736, of his brother, John, and sisters, Mary and Jane Avery, their interest in a certain farm, which belonged to their uncle, Charles Hill, and their father, Jonathan Hill, "situated at a place called Mohegan in the North Parish of New London, lying westward of a pine swamp, and bounded south on the land of the Mohegan Indians, including all that part of said farm which was the estate of our Uncle Charles, deceased," and bounded west with that part of said farm set out to our sister Ruth, from her father's estate. George Hill, with his sisters, Mary and Jane, conveyed to John Hill, their brother, a tract of land owned by their father at his decease, viz.: "On the westerly side of the highway that goes to the meeting-house, with the mansion house lately belonging to our honored father, Jonathan Hill." This mansion house stood on the Norwich road, and recently known as the "Old Vibber House." It was recently taken down by the present owner of the farm, Samuel H. Atwell,

who is a descendant of John Vibber, the father-in-law of George Hill. On the 27th day of February, 1740-1, in the fourteenth year of the reign of George the Second, King of Great Britain, George Hill, and his father-in-law, John Vibber, exchanged farms. George Hill died about the year 1760, under peculiar circumstances. He was absent from his home a long time, and his whereabouts could not be ascertained by his friends, though they sought diligently for him among the family relations. Several months after he was missed, a body much decayed was found in the woods, whither he had wandered in aberration of his mind, after leaving a friend's house in Lyme. The clothes, which were in a state of preservation, were identified as those he had on when he left his friend's house to return home. His widow afterwards married Jason Allen, 22 May, 1766.

#### Children.

15. Charlot, b. 23 Sept., 1739.

16. George, b. 27 Dec., 1740.

Both these brothers were drowned in Fox's pond, in 1752.

17. Joanna, b. 15 April, 1742; m. Atwell Chapel.

18. William, b. 13 July, 1745; m. 1st, Ruth Forsyth; 2d, Eunice ———, who, in 1792, married Jonas Wickwire.

19. Jonathan, b. 27 Jan., 1747; m. Oharlotte Fox.

20. Mary, b. 6 April, 1750; m. Brintnal Fox.

21. Samuel, b. 27 April, 1751; m. Martha Comstock.

22. Anna, b. 9 July, 1752; m. Samuel Fox.

IV. WILLIAM (18), b. 13 July, 1745, son of George Hill and Johanna Vibber; married 1st, Ruth Forsyth; 2d, Eunice ———. He settled in the North Parish of New London, and erected a mill on the site where Palmer Brothers Bedquilt Mill now stands. It was the first fulling mill started on the stream. His home stood a little north of the mill, on the side of the hill near the present site of O. W. Douglass' residence. He did not live to occupy the mill long. In

going from his dwelling to the mill, at a time when there was considerable ice on the ground, he slipped upon the ice, causing his death a few weeks after the accident. He died about 1772. By his second wife he had one child.

23. Eunice, b. ; m. ——— Congdon.

IV. JONATHAN (19), b. 27 Jan., 1747, son of George Hill and Johanna Vibber; married about 1772, Charlotte, daughter of Ezekiel Fox and Mehitabel Lamson. He was a farmer, and lived on the farm formerly owned by John Vibber, and which was conveyed to his father in 1740-1. He built a new house on the land in 1787, which house after his death was occupied by his son Charles. He, with his wife, united with the church 18 May, 1794, and had seven children, baptized the following Sunday by Rev. Rozel Cook. He contributed generously toward the support of the gospel, and subscribed about seventy-five dollars to the society fund. He held offices of trust in the town, and was greatly respected by his fellow citizens. He died at his residence in Montville, 27 Jan., 1832, aged 85 years. She died in March, 1836, aged 82 years. Both were buried in the Fox burying-ground.

#### Children.

24. William, b. about 1773; m. Abigail Whaley.
25. Peggy, b. about 1776; died 15 Dec., 1843, unm.
26. George, b. about 1778; m. Hannah Dunham.
27. Charlotte, b. 30 Oct., 1780; m. John Palmer.
28. Mehitabel, b. 1 May, 1783; m. Jonathan Hadley.
29. Charles, b. 26 June, 1786; m. Sybel Fox.
30. Jonathan, b. 11 Feb., 1789; m. 1st, Julia Whaley, 1812;  
2d, Mary (Whipple) Rogers, 1821, widow of Elisha  
II. Rogers.
31. Sarah, b. about 1791; died young.
32. Nancy, b. 29 Nov., 1794; m. John II. Allen.

IV. SAMUEL (21), b. 27 April, 1751, son of George Hill and Johanna Vibber; married Martha Comstock, b. 28

July, 1757, daughter of Peter Comstock and Elizabeth Fitch. He removed from Montville to Charlemont, Mass., where he was a farmer, and had a family of six children. They both died there about the year 1819.

#### Children.

- 33. Elizabeth, b. ; m. John Fisher, and had eleven children. They removed to Michigan about 1830, and were some of New England's best citizens.
- 34. Samuel, b. about 1791; m. Hannah Cutler.
- 35. George, b. ; m. Olive Dickinson.
- 36. Anna, b. about 1793; died April, 1850, unm.
- 37. Washington, b. ; died at Michigan, unm.
- 38. Fitch, b. ; m. Eliza Jones.

V. GEORGE (26), b. about 1778, son of Jonathan Hill and Charlotte Fox; married Hannah Dunham, daughter of John Dunham of Norwich. He settled at Norwich, and was a lawyer of note in his time. He died at Norwich.

#### Children.

- 39. Henry, b.
- 40. George, b.
- 41. Charles, b.

V. CHARLES (29), b. 26 June, 1786, son of Jonathan Hill and Charlotte Fox; married 27 Jan., 1809, Sybel Fox, daughter of Elijah Fox, b. 5 April, 1789. He was a farmer and cooper, and lived on the farm formerly occupied by his father. He carried on the cooperage business at New London for a few years, but returned to Montville, and continued to reside there until his death, 4 March, 1873. He was a member of the Congregational church at Montville, and was chosen deacon 2 July, 1824. He, with his wife, united with the church 5 Oct., 1823. He was much respected as a Christian man, and both died strong in the Christian faith. She died 30 Nov., 1871, aged 82 years.

## Children.

- 42. Polly Park, b. 30 Oct., 1809; m. Nicholas B. Congdon.
- 43. Charlotte Fox, b. 13 July, 1811; m. Elisha B. Baker.
- 44. Betsey Taintor, b. 23 Sept., 1813; m. Nathan Scholfield.
- 45. George Washington, b. 22 Aug., 1818; m. Clara Gardner.

VI. GEORGE WASHINGTON (45), b. 22 Aug., 1818, son of Charles Hill and Sybel Fox; married about 1844, Clara Gardner, b. 3 Sept., 1822, daughter of John Gardner and Violeta Crocker. Settled at Montville, a farmer; first lived on the old homestead, and afterwards built a house on land formerly belonging to his grandfather, near Poles Hill. He cleared up the land, and cultivated it; set out a fine orchard of fruit trees, and made a paradise in the "wilderness." He lived to enjoy the fruit of his toil many years, and died there 4 May, 1886. She died 19 Feb., 1893.

## Children.

- 46. Sybel Fox, b. 12 Dec., 1844; m. Leander D. Chapel.
- 47. Albert Augustus, b. 6 Feb., 1849; m. Susan Doyley.
- 48. Eliza Meloyne, b. 3 Dec., 1853; m. Edward Bingham.
- 49. Charlotte Violeta, b. 9 July, 1859.



## ALLEN FAMILIES.

Samuel Allen first appears in the North Parish of New London (now Montville) about the year 1720. At this date he was a landholder, his farm lying on the road leading from New London to Colchester and Hartford through the North Parish. This road was then the principal thoroughfare between those places. Mr. Allen then kept a tavern for the accommodation of the traveling public. His dwelling stood on or near the site of the present town farm-house in Montville. In the east room of Mr. Allen's dwelling was held religious services by Rev. James Hillhouse before the church edifice was built, and here his first sermons were preached, after his call to settle as their pastor.

Mr. Allen, with his family, came from Massachusetts a short time previous to the organization of the church at North Parish. He had been twice married. By his first wife, whose name has not been recovered, he had five sons, James, Daniel, David, Jonathan, and Samuel; these settled in Massachusetts. His second wife was Lydia Hastings, born 30 Sept., 1671, daughter of John Seaborn Hastings and Lydia Champney of Watertown, Mass. She was granddaughter of John Hastings, who first settled in Braintree, and admitted a freeman May 10, 1643, and admitted to the church in Cambridge in February, 1656. Mr. Allen was one of the seven who first organized the present Congregational church in Montville. In the church-book, kept by Rev. James Hillhouse, is the following entry, viz.: "There were seven that belonged to the church at my installment (Oct. 3, 1722); Capt. (Thomas) Avery, Capt. (Robert) Denison, Mr. Nathaniel Otis, Mr. Samuel Allen, Mr. John Vibber, Charles Campbell, and our Deacon Jonathan Copp."



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He died 12 Oct., 1745, age 80 years. She died 13 March, 1752, age 79 years.

Children by Lydia.

2. Jason, b. about 1700; m. Mary Atwell, 2 April, 1723.
3. Lydia, b. about 1703; m. John Lee of Lyme, 14 Mch., 1723.
4. Abigail, b. about 1706; m. Christopher Stebbins.
5. Stephen, b. about 1709; died 6 March, 1725.
6. Hannah, b. about 1712; m. 1st, Gideon Comstock; 2d, John Bishop.
7. Mary, b. about 1715; m. Joseph Lee of Lyme.
8. Elizabeth, b. about 1716; m. Jedediah Graves of Millington.
9. Eunice, b. about 1718; m. Joseph Brown.
10. John, bap. 12 June, 1720; m. Keron Fox, 24 Feb., 1742-3. She was the daughter of Samuel Fox. They had one child, Lydia, b. 20 June, 1744, who married her cousin, Jason Allen, son of Jason and Mary Atwell.

II. JASON (2), b. about 1700, eldest son of Samuel Allen and Lydia Hastings; married 2 April, 1723, Mary Atwell, only daughter of Joseph Atwell. He settled in North Parish and lived on the farm formerly occupied by his father. He was often elected to public offices, was selectman in the town in 1740, and held that office several years. He was chosen an elder in the church at North Parish, of which he was a member in 1749. She died 9 May, 1762. He afterwards married 22 May, 1766, widow Johannah Hill, daughter of John Vibber and relict of George Hill. He died 19 March, 1785.

Children by First Wife.

11. Joseph, b. 27 Nov., 1724; m. Priscilla Bill.
12. Mary, b. about 1727; died young.
13. Stephen, b. in Aug., 1730; m. Ann Fargo.
14. Jason, b. 4 Nov., 1740; m. Lydia Allen, his cousin.

III. JOSEPH (11), b. 27 Nov., 1724, eldest son of Jason Allen and Mary Atwell; married , Priscilla Bill. He was a farmer and owned the farm occupied by the late Reuben Palmer. The old house stood near the present barn on the premises and was taken down many years ago. He died about 1806. His last will was probated in New London Sept., 1806, and was dated Oct., 1805. In his will the following children were named.

Children.

- 15. Roswell, b. ; m.
- 16. Mary, b. ; m.
- 17. Abigail, b. , 1747; m. Daniel Rudd.
- 18. Sarah, b. ; m. James Wright, 12 Feb., 1792.
- 19. Charlotte, b. ; m. John Brown, 4 Nov., 1788.
- 20. Margary, b. ; m. Lebbeus Lamson.
- 21. Wealthy, b. ; m. Elijah Brown.

III. STEPHEN (13), b. in August, 1730, second son of Jason Allen and Mary Atwell; married Ann Fargo.

Children.

- 22. Mary, b. ; m. Thomas Fitch (2d wife).
- 23. Stephen, b. ; m. Elizabeth Gilbert.
- 24. Lucy, b. ; m. King Smith.
- 25. Lydia, b. ; m. Stephen Miner.
- 26. Mercy, b. ; m. George Comstock.

III. JASON (14), b. 4 Nov., 1740, youngest son of Jason Allen and Mary Atwell; married 21 April, 1763, Lydia, daughter of Jason Allen and Karon Fox. He settled at Montville, was a farmer, and held offices in the town. He died in May, 1817. She died 3 Sept., 1813.

Children.

- 27. Mary, b. 22 April, 1764; m. James Rogers.
- 28. Samuel, b. 17 June, 1766; m. Mary Prentis.
- 29. Betsey, b. 23 Oct., 1768; m. Anson Miller.

- 30. George, b. 8 June, 1771; m. Sarah Yale.
- 31. James, b. 4 June, 1774; m. Lucretia Holt.
- 32. Eunice, b. 26 Nov., 1776; m. Isaac Thompson.
- 33. Jason, b. 30 May, 1781; m. 1st, Nancy DeForest; 2d, Lydia White.
- 34. John Hastings, b. 15 Jan., 1785; m. 1st, Achsa Thompson; 2d, Nancy Hill.

IV. GEORGE (30), b. 8 June, 1771, son of Jason Allen and Lydia Allen, daughter of John Allen; married 8 April, 1807, Sarah Yale. She lived with Judge Hillhouse. He settled at Montville and was a farmer. He afterwards removed to Verona, N. Y., where he died August, 1857. She died there in 1864.

#### Children.

- 35. Samuel, b. 7 Oct., 1808; was living in 1886.
- 36. Delia, b. 28 Feb., 1811; was living in 1886.
- 37. George Hosmer, b. 20 June, 1813; m. Orpha L. Cook.

IV. JOHN HASTINGS (34), b. 15 Jan., 1785, son of Jason Allen and Lydia Allen; m. 1st, Achsa Thompson, 3 July, 1814, daughter of Nathaniel Thompson and Delight Fox. He was a farmer. He married 2d, Nancy Hill, daughter of Jonathan Hill and Charlotte Fox. He lived on the farm now owned by the town of Montville. He and his wife, Nancy, both belonged to the Congregational Church at Montville Center. He died 25 Feb., 1866. His last wife died 26 March, 1868. By his first wife he had two children.

#### Children by First Wife.

- 38. Eunice, b. 25 July, 1816; m. 25 Feb., 1844, James Ladd, and had one son, James Henry, b. in 1846.
- 39. Jason, bap. in 1823; died unm.

#### Children by Second Wife.

- 40. John H., b. 22 Feb., 1827; m. Cynthia Dart.
- 41. Charlotte, b. in Aug., 1828; m. Jared S. Rogers.

- 42. Samuel, b. 17 June, 1832; m. Harriet Lester.
- 43. William, b. in April, 1834; m. Eliza Sillman.

IV. JASON (33), b. 30 May, 1781, son of Jason Allen and Lydia Allen; m. 1st, Nancy DeForest. Settled first in Woodbridge, N. J., and afterwards removed to the state of New York. She died, and he married a second wife, but her name has not been ascertained. He died in Lenox, Pa., about 1837.

Children by Nancy.

- 44. Catherine, b. about 1811; m. ——— Wright.
- 45. Maria, b.
- 46. Elizabeth, b. about 1816; m. ——— Kingsley.

Children by Second Wife.

- 47. Nancy DeForest, b. about 1831; m. Dr. Pelchin.
- 48. Susan, b. about 1834; living in 1886, unm.

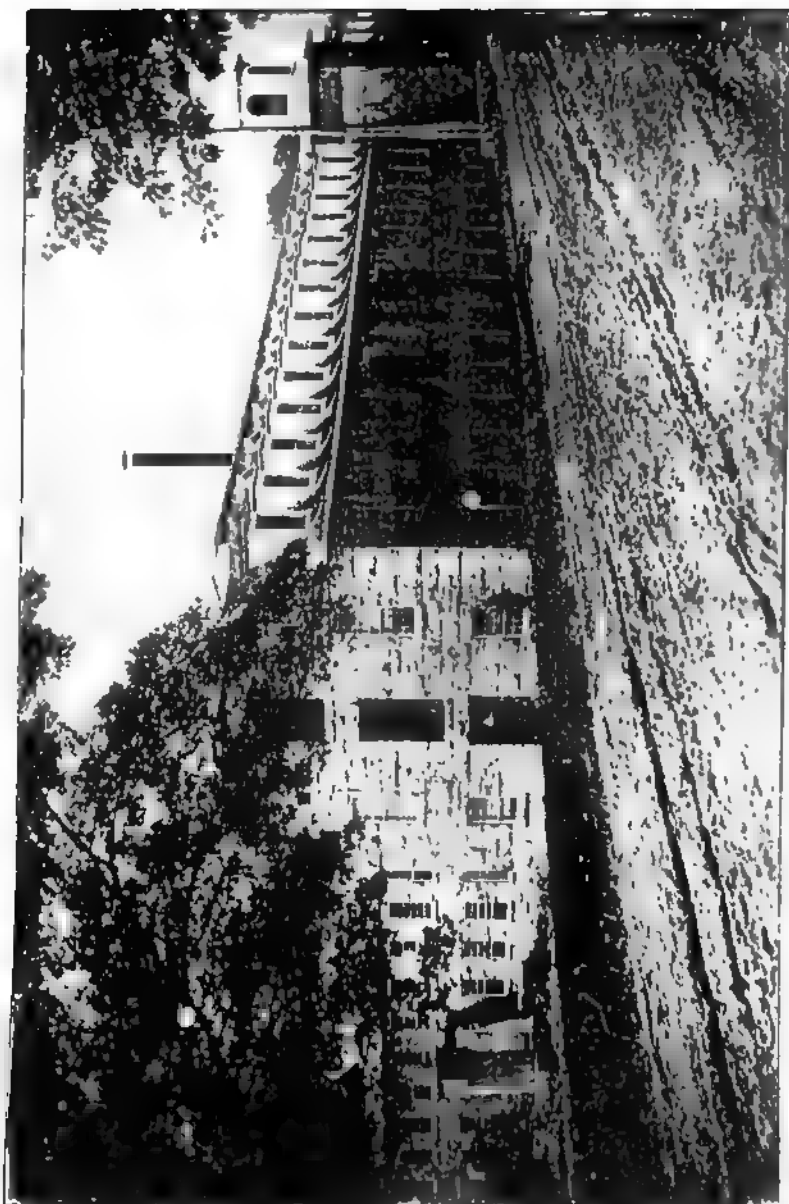
V. JOHN H., JR. (40), b. 22 Feb., 1827, son of John H. Allen and Nancy Hill; married 20 Nov., 1854, Cynthia Dart, b. 9 Oct., 1832, daughter of Ezra Dart and Eunice Newberry. He was a farmer. Settled in Montville. Both were living in 1896.

Children.

- 49. Jonathan Hill, b. 17 Nov., 1857; m. Minnie Newberry.
- 50. Fitch Lewis, b. 5 Feb., 1859; m. Mary Williams.
- 51. Alma Jane, b. 7 June, 1860; died in 1875.
- 52. Warren Newberry, b. 17 Nov., 1862; m. Anna Allen.
- 53. Anna Cynthia, b. 1 Feb., 1865; m. Walter Miner.
- 54. Walter Long, b. 10 July, 1868; m. Flora ———.







PALMER BROS. MILL

## PALMER FAMILIES.

Walter Palmer, whose numerous descendants met at Stonington on the 10th day of August, 1881, for a family reunion, was of English origin, and arrived in New England in 1629. He was born in England as early as 1585, and at the time of his settlement at Stonington was considerably advanced in years, at which place he erected a dwelling-house and removed there with his family during the year 1649.

His first appearance was at Charlestown, Mass., where he built the first dwelling-house erected in that place. He was assigned two acres for a house lot, and subsequently had more liberal grants. His inclination tended to farming and stock raising, and soon found that his limited possessions there were entirely inadequate to his favorite business.

In 1643 he removed to Plymouth Colony, and, with others, joined in the organization of the town of Rehoboth, where he was honored by his fellow townsmen with the first election of deputy, and was subsequently re-elected to that office, and repeatedly the office of selectman was conferred upon him. From Rehoboth he removed to Stonington and settled at a place called Wequetequoek.

Of his family it is known that he was married in England long before he came to this country, as his oldest daughter, Grace, came to New England with her father and family, and went with him to Charlestown and joined the church there 1 June, 1632, and was married 23 April, 1634, to Thomas Miner, born in England in 1608, she being about the same age with her husband.

The other children of Walter Palmer were, 1st, William, born in England, and came with his father to this country.

2d, John, born in 1615, came with the family to this

country, was admitted freeman of the Massachusetts Colony in 1639. Joined the church 23 Oct., 1640, and died 24 Aug., 1677; unm.

3d, Jonas, came over with his father, lived at Charlestown until 1637, when he married Elizabeth Griswill, and moved to Rehoboth, where he died without issue.

4th, Elizabeth, also born in England, came with the family to New England, and married 1st, Thomas Sloan, and 2d, a Mr. Chapman.

No records appear that show whether or not their mother came over with the family. If she did come with the others she must have died shortly after their arrival here, for in the old church record of Roxbury, Mass., the following statistics appear: "Rebecca Short came in the year 1632, and married Walter Palmer, a godly man of Charlestown church, which they joined 1 June, 1633."

#### Children by Rebecca.

5. Hannah, bap. 15 June, 1634, came with her father to Stonington and married 1st, Thomas Hewitt, 26 April, 1659, by whom she had two children, Thomas and Benjamin. She married for her second husband, Roger Sterry, 27 Dec., 1671, by whom she had two children. For her third husband she married John Fish, 25 Aug., 1681.
6. Elihu, bap. 24 Jan., 1636, came with his father to Stonington and died 5 Sept., 1665, probably unm.
7. Nehemiah, b. 23 Nov., 1637, who also removed from Charlestown to Stonington with his father and married there, Hannah, daughter of Thomas Stanton and Dorothy Lord, 20 Nov., 1662. They had seven children.
8. Moses, b. 6 April, 1640; who also removed with his father to Stonington, and married Dorothy ———; and had five children.
9. Benjamin, b. 30 May, 1642; m. at Stonington, 10 Aug., 1681, but who she was or where she came from the records do not show. The fact of the marriage

only appears from a diary of Thomas Miner. He died 10 April, 1716.

10. Gershom, b. at Rehoboth, and came to Stonington with his parents, where he married, 1st, Ann, daughter of Capt. George Denison and Ann Borodell, 28 Nov., 1667. They had ten children. He married for his second wife Elizabeth Mason, widow of Major Samuel Mason. He was a deacon of the first church at Stonington, and held various positions of trust in civil affairs.
11. Rebecca, b. at Rehoboth about 1648; came with her parents to Stonington, where she married Elisha Cheesbrough, son of William Cheesebrough and Anna Stevens, 20 April, 1665, and had one child, Elihu, b. 3 Dec., 1668. The father died 1 April, 1670. She then married, 24 July, 1672, John Buldery of New London, and had five children.

Elder Reuben Palmer, b. 12 June, 1759, son of Gershom Palmer and Dolly Brown of Preston, Conn., was of the seventh generation in a direct line from Walter Palmer, the first. He was the only son and fifth child among ten children. His sisters were, 1st, Prudence, who married, 1st, William Breed, and had one daughter, Sophia, who married James Wheeler of Montville. They were the parents to Henry Wheeler, Nathaniel Wheeler, and Charles Wheeler, who were residents of Montville. For second husband she married James Thompson. 2d, Dolly, married Nathan Randall. 3d, Zerviah, who married her cousin, Gersham Palmer, and had a daughter, Lydia, b. about 1789, and married Abel Smith of Montville. 4th, Naomi, married Stephen Ray. 5th, Lois, married Abel Palmer; they had a son, William, who was a Baptist minister. 6th, Esther, married Jonathan Palmer. 7th, Lucretia, married Elijah Palmer. 8th, Katura, married Jacob Burton and settled in Vermont. 9th, ————; married ———— Budlong.

VII. ELDER REUBEN PALMER married, 16 Nov., 1780, Lucretia Tyler, daughter of Caleb Tyler and Hannah

Barnes of Preston. He was ordained a Baptist elder at North Stonington, and, while pastor of a church there, received a call to the old Baptist church in Montville. He was its active pastor from 3 May, 1788, to 25 Dec., 1798, at which date, a council having been called, he was publicly installed pastor of the church, in which office he continued until his death, 22 April, 1822. She died 15 Aug., 1855, aged 91 years.

### Children.

2. Hannah, b. 25 Dec., 1781; m. Nehemiah Lamb of Groton in March, 1798, and had fifteen children.
3. Sally, b. 16 Oct., 1783; m. Christopher Green.
4. Reuben, b. 26 Dec., 1784; m. Mary Comstock.
5. Lucretia, b. 25 April, 1786; m. Samuel Fox.
6. Mary, b. 17 Dec., 1787; m. Roswell Caulkins.
7. Caleb, b. 24 June, 1790; m. 1st, Lucy Fox; 2d, Lucy J. Olmstead; 3d, ————.
8. Tyler, b. 4 March, 1792; m. Lydia Cook.
9. Gideon, b. 23 Oct., 1793; m. Mercy M. Turner.
10. Joshua, b. ————, 1795; m. Hannah Caulkins. Had two children, John and Elisha. He died 3 Oct., 1819. She then married ———— Huntley, and died in 1876.
11. Samuel D., b. 11 Feb., 1798; m. Rebecca Bolles, 10 Dec., 1823, daughter of Calvin Bolles. He died at Rome, N. Y., 18 June, 1878, while an operation was being performed in removing a cancer. She died 19 Oct., 1876. He had John, Joshua, Francis, Nelson, and Calvin.
12. Gersham, b. 6 Aug., 1796; died young.
13. Rhoda, b. 2 Oct., 1799; m. Elisha Hurlburt, June, 1818, and had fourteen children.
14. Peter P., b. 11 May, 1801; m. Naomi Darrow, 3 Sept., 1821, and had nine children. Settled in the state of New York.
15. Achsa, b. 12 May, 1803; m. Samuel W. Palmer, 1st wife, 22 Sept., 1820, died 12 Oct., 1820.
16. Louisa, b. 30 Dec., 1804; died 9 Aug., 1844, unm.
17. Emma, b. 31 Dec., 1806; m. ———— Warren.
18. Thankful, b. 28 June, 1809; m. Wells Hart of Michigan.

VIII. REUBEN (4), b. 26 Dec., 1784, son of Elder Reuben Palmer and Lucretia Tyler; married 17 March, 1805, Mary Comstock, daughter of Nathan Comstock and Mary Green. He settled at Montville. He was an ordained Baptist minister, and for a time was acting pastor of the church over which his father presided before his death, and occasionally supplied other churches. He was very zealous in the Christian cause, and plainly presented the truth. He was not, however, a brilliant preacher, but gifted in prayer and exhortation. He followed the occupation of a farmer and owned the farm on which he lived at the time of his death, and which he purchased of Oliver Baker in 1837. He was also in possession of other tracts of land lying near the Fox Mills, which mills were at one time run by him. She died at Montville 27 March, 1853. He died 29 July, 1869. He had but one daughter.

Child.

19. Lucy Ann, b. 28 Oct., 1816; m. 10 March, 1841, Charles F. Landphere. He was a farmer and lived on the farm of his wife's father. She died 6 April, 1887. He died 6 June, 1891. They had ten children, viz.:
  - Mary Palmer, b. 14 Jan., 1842; m. Williams Rogers.
  - Francis Ann, b. 20 Feb., 1843.
  - Achsah Palmer, b. 3 March, 1844.
  - Charles Oliver, b. 13 June, 1845; m.
  - Reuben Palmer, b. 3 Feb., 1847; died 20 Dec., 1861.
  - Alice E., b. 7 Nov., 1848; m. ——— Allison.
  - Charles Tyler, b. 19 Sept., 1850; m. Mary (Davis).
  - Lucy Ann, b. 19 Feb., 1853.
  - Newton G., b. 27 July, 1855.
  - Eloise A., b. 26 March, 1861.

VIII. GIDEON (9), b. 23 Oct., 1793, son of Elder Reuben Palmer and Lucretia Tyler; married 11 July, 1813, Mercy Maria Turner, daughter of Isaac Turner and Anna Comstock. He settled at Montville. In the early part of his

business career he was engaged with his father in the various occupations and projects that his father was engaged in. At one time his father, although a minister of the gospel, was engaged in the distillery of spirituous liquors, but his son, Gideon, who, early in life, became impressed that intemperance was an evil, and the manufacture of ardent spirits a vile business, soon after arriving to manhood and began to manage business for himself, abandoned the distillery and substituted the oil business, in which he was engaged for several years. After his son, Elisha, became engaged in business, the whole concern was turned over to him, who soon after entered upon the manufacture of cotton goods. Mr. Gideon Palmer was a man of considerable public spirit and favored enterprise in all matters of public interest. He was ever aiming at and planning public improvements, was the projector of the mill privilege first occupied by Francis B. Loomis, and afterwards by R. G. Hooper & Co., and also the water privilege afterwards occupied by C. M. Robertson on the stream next above his own. It was mainly due to his untiring energy that the highway along the northerly side of the Oxoboxo stream from Rockland Paper Mill to Uncasville was built. He was a strong advocate of temperance and the abolition of slavery, and fought for both with much ardor and zeal until his death. He died 12 July, 1854. She died 17 Sept., 1870.

#### Children.

20. Elisha H., b. 23 June, 1814; m. Ellis Loomis.
21. Gideon, b. 30 Oct., 1816; m. Eliza H. Johnson.
22. Sarah Ann, b. 30 March, 1818; m. James L. Turner.
23. Cornelia C., b. 14 Oct., 1819; m. William Bolles.
24. William Henry, b. 14 Oct., 1821; m. Clarrissa Stanton.
25. Mathew Turner, b. 26 Sept., 1823; died in 1828.
26. Reuben Tyler, b. 24 Sept., 1825; m. Statina Hill.
27. Maria Theresa, b. 3 July, 1830; m. John Turner.
28. Joseph Clay, b. 22 Jan., 1833; m. Louisa Brown.
29. Isaac Emerson, b. 27 Feb., 1836; m. Matilda Townsend.
30. Herbert F., b. 23 Oct., 1838; m. Anna Witter.







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ELISHA II. (20), b. 23 June, 1814, son of Gideon Palmer and Mercy M. Turner; married , Ellis Loomis, b. 26 Jan., 1822, daughter of Joel Loomis and Ellis Chapel. He settled in Montville, was a manufacturer of cotton twine, rope, and bats. He was elected a representative to the state legislature by the citizens of his native town in 1854, and again in 1864. In 1866 he represented the ninth senatorial district in the Upper House, and was for several years the nominee for member of Congress on the Prohibition ticket in the third congressional district of the state. He was an enthusiastic advocate of the prohibition of the use, manufacture, and sale of alcoholic liquors, and devoted much of his time in the last thirty years of his life to public speaking in the cause of temperance. Was president of the Palmer Reunion Association, and enthusiastically engaged in gathering the names of those who were descendants from their first American ancestor, Walter Palmer. He died 17 Jan., 1895. She died 9 Jan., 1893.

#### Children.

31. Elisha L., b. 14 Feb., 1840; m. Cornelia Rissan.
32. Edward A., b. 28 May, 1843; m. Isabella Mitchell.
33. Frederick C., b. 18 May, 1845; m. Estelle Dunmore.
34. Mary Alice, b. 26 Dec., 1847; m. William S. Mitchell.
35. Arabella, b. 3 March, 1849; m. Joseph S. Latimer.
36. Frank Loomis, b. 9 June, 1851; m. Louisa Townsend.
37. George S., b. 20 March, 1855; m. Ida Amelia Cook.

GIDEON (21), b. 30 Oct., 1816, son of Gideon Palmer and Mercy M. Turner; married , Eliza H. Johnson. He was a lawyer and settled at Middletown, Conn.

#### Children.

38. Theodore Johnson, b. 25 Dec., 1843.
39. Arthur W., b. 28 Nov., 1845.
40. Charlotte May, b. 25 Sept., 1847.
41. Jessie, b. , 1853.
42. Andy Johnson, b. 6 Dec., 1859.

**WILLIAM HENRY** (24), b. 14 Oct., 1821, son of Gideon Palmer and Mercy M. Turner; married \_\_\_\_\_, Clarrissa Stanton, b. \_\_\_\_\_, sister to Rev. R. P. Stanton, for many years pastor of the Congregational church at Greeneville. He first settled at Montville, where he was engaged, with his brother, Elisha, in the cotton business. His wife died \_\_\_\_\_. Mr. Palmer then removed to Middletown, Conn., where he was living in 1896.

Children.

- 43. William Henry, b. 1 Oct., 1843; m. Adeline R. Wood.
- 44. John G., b. 14 Oct., 1845; m.
- 45. Clarrissa M., b. 28 Oct., 1847; m. Byron H. Arnold.
- 46. Mary Ann, b. 6 Dec., 1849; m. Revelo Markham.
- 47. Charles S., b. 19 Oct., 1852; died 19 June, 1862.

**REUBEN TYLER** (26), b. 24 Sept., 1825, son of Gideon Palmer and Mercy M. Turner; m. \_\_\_\_\_, Statina Hill. He was a manufacturer. Settled first at Montville, afterwards removed to Groton, and then to New London, where he was engaged in the manufacture of bedquilts. He had five children born at Montville, Ida, Emma, Reuben Tyler, Tyler Reuben (the last two being twins), and George.

## PARKER FAMILY.

James Parker, born about 1617 in England. A copy of his will and a notice of his life are published in Butler's History of Groton, Mass. He married, 1st, Elizabeth Long of Woburn, May 23, 1643. She was born in 1623, and was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Long of Charlestown, Mass. Robert Long embarked in the "Defiance" with his wife and ten children, and removed from Dunstable, Bedfordshire, England, July 7, 1635.

He married, 2d, Eunice (Brooks) Carter, widow of Samuel Carter of Woburn, and daughter of John and Eunice (Moresall) Brooks of Woburn. She was born Oct. 10, 1655; married, in 1672, Samuel Carter, son of Rev. Thomas Carter of Woburn, b. Aug. 8, 1640, by whom she had eight children. He died in 1693, and she married, 2d, James Parker. After his death in 1701, she married, 3d, John Kendall, and was living in 1706.

### Children by Elizabeth.

2. Elizabeth, b. April 12, 1645; m. William Gray of Roxbury.
3. Hannah, b. Jan. 5, 1647; m. Nathaniel Blood, June 13, 1670.
4. John, b. Feb. 28, 1649.
5. Joseph, b. 1651.
6. James, b. ; m. Mary Parker.
7. Josiah, b. 1655; m. Elizabeth Saxton of Groton.
8. Samuel, b. ; m. Abigail Takin.
9. Joshua, b. March 13, 1658, at Chelmsford, Mass.
10. Zachariah, b. Jan. 14, 1659, at Chelmsford, Mass.
11. Eleazer, b. Nov. 9, 1660, at Groton, Mass.
12. Sarah, b. Dec. 12, 1697, at Groton, Mass.

II. JAMES (6), b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of James Parker and Elizabeth Long; married Mary Parker, daughter of Abraham Parker of Chelmsford, Mass. She was born Nov. 15, 1655. They were both killed by the Indians in Groton, July 27, 1694, and their children taken captives.

II. JOSIAH (7), b. at Groton, Mass., in 1655, and remained there until 1783, and perhaps later. He was an inhabitant of Woburn from 1693 to 1695; in Cambridge from 1696 till his death, in 1731. He married Elizabeth Saxton or Sexton.

#### Children.

13. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 31, 1679; m. Samuel Livermore, Nov. 15, 1699.
14. John, b. April 13, 1681.
15. Sarah, b. May 1, 1683; m. April 30, 1702, Stephen Coolridge; 2d, Nicholas Fessenden, Aug. 8, 1706.
16. Susanna, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Feb. 28, 1712, Samuel Gookin, Jr.
17. Joshua, bap. April 3, 1698; m. June 15, 1712, Mary, daughter of Nicholas Fessenden, Sr.
18. William, bap. April 3, 1698; probably died young.
19. Ann, bap. April 3, 1698; m. July 3, 1718, William Warland.
20. Mary, bap. Dec. 11, 1698; m. Jan. 22, 1718-19, Thomas Dana.
21. Thomas, bap. Dec. 15, 1700.

II. JOSIUA (9), b. March 13, 1658, son of James Parker and Elizabeth Long; married Sept. 22, 1690, Abigail (Shattuck) Morse, widow of Jonathan Morse and daughter of William and Susanna Morse of Watertown. She was born in 1657; died in 1694.

III. THOMAS (21), b. at Cambridge, Dec. 7, 1700, son of Josiah Parker and Elizabeth Sexton; married \_\_\_\_\_. Graduated at Harvard College in 1718. Settled as a minister at Dracut, Mass., in 1721. Died at Dracut, March 18, 1765.

## Children.

- 22. Thomas, b.
- 23. John, b.
- 24. William, b.
- 25. Mathew, b.
- 26. Jonathan, b. ; m. Dolly Coffin.

IV. JONATHAN (26), b. at Dracut, Mass., son of Thomas Parker and ———. Graduated at Harvard University. He was a physician of very considerable distinction, excelling particularly as a surgeon, and acquired an extensive practice in the town of Litchfield, N. H., where he settled, and which extended into the adjacent towns, being often sent for from a distance as a consulting physician. Dr. Parker married Dolly Coffin, who was a woman of more than ordinary refinement, of much energy and decision of character, and a consistent and earnest Christian. Active and diligent herself, she inculcated the same principles in her children. She early imbued their minds with religious truth, knowing that a conversion of their moral accountability would be their surest safeguard, and her own personal instructions would no longer be given. He died Sept., 1791, leaving a family of ten children.

## Children.

- 27.
- 28. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 7, 1767; m. Rev. Abisha Alden.
- 29.
- 30.
- 31. Eliphalet, b. about 1776; m. Sarah Comstock.
- 32.
- 33.
- 34. Thomas, b.
- 35. Jonathan R., b.
- 36. Edward L., b. July 28, 1785; m. Mehitabel Kimball.

V. ELIPHALET (31), b. about 1776, son of Jonathan Parker and Dolly Coffin; married Feb. 2, 1808, Sarah Com-

stock, daughter of Jared Comstock and Rachel Chester. He settled in Montville, was a farmer, a member of the Congregational church, a devoted Christian, and leader of the church choir. He died March 1, 1835. She died Aug. 14, 1860.

#### Children.

37. Abisha Alden, b. Dec. 12, 1808; m. Caroline Fellows.
38. Jared Chester, b. March 2, 1812; died young.
39. Eliphalet, b. Aug. 28, 1814; m. Helen M. Risley.
40. Dolly Elizabeth, b. April 4, 1817; m. Walter Hough, 17 Jan., 1849.
41. Harriet, b. Dec. 2, 1819; m. Simeon Clark, March 4, 1855.
42. Augustus Alden, b. Feb. 18, 1822; m. Harriet R. Dolbeare.
43. Samuel Chester, b. May 14, 1824; m. Fanny E. Herrick.
44. Frederick F., b. April 9, 1828; m. 1st, Lucy Ann Gardner; 2d, Mary (Green) Hazzard.
45. Sarah, b. Nov. 17, 1831; m. Jerome Pease, 3 July, 1869.

EDWARD L. (36), b. July 28, 1785, son of Jonathan Parker and Dolly Coffin; m., in 1811, Mehitabel Kimball, daughter of Deacon Stephen Kimball of Hanover, N. H. Graduated at Dartmouth College in 1807. Settled as pastor of the Presbyterian church in Londonderry, N. H., Sept. 12, 1810. He died July 14, 1850. His wife remarried.

#### Child.

46. Edward Pinkerton, b. April, 1816.

IV. BENJAMIN PARKER, b. 26 March, 1723; married Elizabeth Blodget, b. 4 Oct., 1723. Settled at Chelmsford, Mass. She died 17 April, 1787. He died 17 Feb., 1801. This Benjamin Parker was probably a descendant from Joseph Parker, one of the original proprietors of Groton, Mass., who was brother to the James Parker, b. about 1617, first named in this genealogy. This Joseph Parker was a

large landowner in Groton, Chelmsford, and Dunstable, the ancestor of the most numerous branches of the family in that neighborhood. He died in the year 1690, leaving a large estate.

#### Children.

47. Reuben, b. 26 Nov., 1751.
48. Benjamin, b. 26 Oct., 1754.
49. Joseph, b. 21 Aug., 1757.
50. Simeon, b. 25 Oct., 1759.
51. Jeduthan, b. 18 Nov., 1762; m. Phebe Cary.
52. Zebulon, b. 24 July, 1764.

V. JEDUTHAN (51), b. 18 Nov., 1762, son of Benjamin Parker and Elizabeth Blodget; married 1 Jan., 1793, Phebe Cary, b. 15 Oct., 1764, daughter of Reuben and Olive Cary. A farmer; settled at Lowell, where he died 11 April, 1838. She died 11 Dec., 1849.

#### Children.

53. Jeduthan, b. 7 Jan., 1794; died 6 April, 1795.
54. Phebe, b. 29 Jan., 1796; m. Samuel Winchester, 28 May, 1822. She died in Hopkinton, N. H., 2 Nov., 1823, and left one daughter, Phebe, b. 3 Sept., 1823; married Charles F. Scholfield of Montville.
55. Jesse, b. 28 Aug., 1797; m. Eliza Adams of Boston, Oct., 1831. He died in Lowell, 24 Dec., 1831.
56. Mary, b. 2 July, 1799; m. Samuel Winchester for his second wife, 17 May, 1826, and had one daughter, Mary Jane, b. 25 June, 1831; married Benjamin F. Scholfield of Montville.
57. Sarah, b. 20 July, 1801; died 17 April, 1873, unm.
58. Benjamin, b. 6 July, 1803; m. Eliza Wood, 9 Oct., 1834.
59. Rebecca, b. 18 Jan., 1806; died at Lowell, 4 Dec., 1831.
60. Jephthah, b. 8 June, 1810; m. 1st, Lucia Woodman; 2d, Louisa Merriam, 6 Jan., 1859.



## VINCENT FAMILY.

William Vincent was the son of Dr. William Vincent and Zeruah Rudd; born at Westerly, R. I., 31 March, 1764; married 11 June, 1786, Joanna, daughter of Samuel Frink, b. 26 March, 1769. He was deacon of the Baptist church in Westerly, a man of rare Christian attainments, honest and upright in all his dealings.

She died 3 April, 1846. He died 16 March, 1854.

### Children.

2. William, b. 8 Dec., 1787; m. 1st, Freelove Sheffield, 28 Feb., 1813, daughter of John Gardner and Susan (Colgrove) Pendleton, b. 20 Feb., 1795, and died 12 Oct., 1853. He married for his second wife Mrs. Eleanor J. Tracy, 15 March, 1858, daughter of Robert and Mary Charles. He had three children by his first wife, and died 1 Feb., 1874.
3. Thomas, b. 3 Dec., 1789; died Oct., 1820, unm.
4. Harry, b. 12 May, 1792; m. Martha Scholfield, 25 Feb., 1816, daughter of John Scholfield and Hannah Fox, b. 27 Jan., 1793, and died at Montville, 28 Jan., 1878. He died there 19 Aug., 1878.
5. John Randall, b. 26 July, 1794; m. Sarah Sheffield, 29 Sept., 1846, daughter of Isaac and Mercy (Smith) York, b. 12 April, 1829. He died 27 Oct., 1864. She was living at Westerly in 1896.
6. Asa, b. 4 Feb., 1797; m. 1st, Nancy, 18 March, 1821, daughter of Jarvis and Polly ( ) Frink, b. 1802. He married for second wife, Maria King.
7. Ira, b. 7 March, 1799; m. Sarah Raymond, 31 May, 1825, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Raymond) Baker, b. 12 March, 1802; died 10 Oct., 1885.
8. Joanna, b. 31 Oct., 1800; m. Benjamin Barnes, 15 Nov., 1841, son of Nathaniel and Nancy (Pendleton) Barnes, b. 8 July, 1796; died 24 June, 1873.

9. Ezra, b. 11 Jan., 1803; m. Ann Maria Denison, 11 May, 1841, daughter of Gilbert Denison; died 7 July, 1850.
10. Mary, b. 5 Jan., 1805; unmarried; died 1 Sept., 1877.
11. Samuel, b. 19 June, 1807; m. Martha S. Baker, 24 Feb., 1828, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Raymond) Baker, b. 18 Oct., 1806; died 7 Aug., 1837. She died 10 Oct., 1885.
12. Charles, b. 19 Feb., 1809; died Nov., 1811.
13. Frank, b. 29 Feb., 1812; m. 1st, Harriet Barnes, 6 Aug., 1845, daughter of Acors and Hannah (Dickens) Barnes, b. 1 April, 1824. She died 26 Sept., 1850; married 2d, Hellen M. Bullard, 1 Oct., 1853, daughter of John and Hannah (Green) Barnes, b. 28 Jan., 1822, and died 10 Nov., 1883. He died 6 Sept., 1889.
14. Albert, b. 8 Jan., 1814; died 4 May, 1872, unm.
15. Benjamin, b. 16 Sept., 1815; died 9 Aug., 1895, unm.

## LYON FAMILIES.

Amariah Lyon, from the best information obtained, was the son of Thomas Lyon, who came from Roxbury, and settled in Dedham, Mass., about the year 1798. He is believed to have been the son or grandson of William Lyon, the first of the name who came from England to America and settled at Roxbury, Mass., in the year 1635.

Amariah Lyon was educated a physician at Boston, and came to Montville (formerly the North Parish of New London) about the year 1740, a farmer and a person of considerable notoriety. He married Lydia, eldest daughter of Christopher Stebbins and Abigail Allen. He had seven sons, all of whom were in service in the Revolutionary War.

### Children.

2. John, b. about 1747; m. Elizabeth Moore.
3. Anson, b. ; in the war, never returned.
4. Josiah, b.
5. Amariah, b. ; died prior to 1785.
6. Thomas, b. ; in the war of the Revolution, died.
7. Christopher, b. ; in the war of the Revolution.
8. Ephraim, b. ; in the war, never returned.
9. Abigail, b. ; m. Peter Clayton.

II. JOHN (2), b. about 1747, son of Amariah Lyon and Lydia Stebbins; married Elizabeth, daughter of Miles Moore and Grace Rogers. He was a farmer and settled at Montville, where he died 24 April, 1807. She died 20 Jan., 1811, aged 66.

### Children.

10. Caleb, b. 3 Dec., 1769; m. 1st, Lovice Thompson; 2d, Susan Bolles.

11. Asa, b. 8 May, 1775; m. ——— Adams; died Sept. 1864.
12. Elizabeth, b. 18 Sept., 1777; m. William Vibber, 2d wife.
13. Grace, b. about 1778; m. Jeremiah Ohapel.
14. John, b. 3 March, 1784; m. Mary Chapel.
15. Ephraim, b. 27 Sept., 1786; m. Sarah Darrow.

III. DEACON CALEB (10), b. 3 Dec., 1769, son of John Lyon and Elizabeth Moore; married 1st, Lovice Thompson, 22 April, 1792, daughter of William Thompson and Lucretia ———. She died 2 Feb., 1819. He then married 1 Feb., 1821, Susan Bolles, b. 14 Dec., 1779, daughter of Samuel Bolles and Margaret Moore. He settled at Montville, a farmer, was deacon of the Palmer Baptist Church, an earnest exemplary Christian man, much respected by his neighbors and fellow citizens. He died 24 July, 1854, at Palmertown. She survived him and died 11 Sept., 1874, at the age of 95 nearly.

#### Children by Lovice.

16. William, b. 19 March, 1793; m. Hannah ———.
17. Lucretia, b. 2 Dec., 1794; m. Lemuel Darrow, 28 March, 1824.
18. Hannah, b. 10 Dec., 1796; m. Caleb Sanford, 27 April, 1824.
19. Joshua, b. 19 July, 1798; died at the age of 15.
20. Caleb, b. 17 Jan., 1801; m. Selina Stobbins.
21. Darius, b. 8 April, 1803; m. Lucy Strickland.
22. Martin, b. 25 July, 1808; died at the age of 3 years, 5 months.
23. Grace, b. 8 Aug., 1810; m. George H. Clark.

#### Child by Susan.

24. Margaret, b. 25 May, 1822; m. 16 April, 1848, Arnold Rudd, and had Stephen, b. 3 Feb., 1849, died 16 Aug., 1862; John, b. 6 Feb., 1852, died 12 July, 1853.

III. JOHN (14), b. about 1784, son of John Lyon and Elizabeth Moore; married Mary, daughter of William Chapel. He settled in Chesterfield Society, in the town of Salom. A farmer. He died 5 May, 1874. She died 13 Nov., 1865, aged 85.

Children.

- 25. Aaron, b. ; m. Harriet Watrous.
- 26. Mary, b. ; m. Seth Hayes.
- 27. Albert, b. ; m. Maria Scott.
- 28. John, b. ; m. Ellen Rogers.
- 29. Elizabeth, b. ; living in 1882 at New London,  
unm.
- 30. Robert, b. ; m. Mary Lewis.
- 31. Nancy, b. ; m. Lewis Haynes.
- 32. Frances, b. ; m. J. D. T. Strickland.

III. EPHRAIM (15), b. 27 Sept., 1786, son of John Lyon and Elizabeth Moore; married 1st, Sarah Darrow, b. 17 Dec., 1784, daughter of Nicholas Darrow and Sally Rogers. After her death he married, 1 Dec., 1822, Margaret Strickland, daughter of Amos and Mary Morgan. He settled at Waterford, where he died 26 Oct., 1866. She died 19 Dec., 1865.

Children by Sarah.

- 33. Lorenzo, b. 24 Mch., 1809; m. Susan Street; died 8 Nov., 1893.
- 34. Electa, b. 29 Oct., 1810; m. Giles Chapman.
- 35. Elizabeth, b. 10 Jan., 1813; m. James Harris.
- 36. Daniel D., b. 20 Sept., 1814; m. 1st, Rhoda Latham;  
2d, Emeline Babcock.
- 37. Eliphalet, b. 26 July, 1816; m. 1st, Rachel De Pow;  
2d, Anna M. Rogers; 3d, Lydia Rogers, sister of Anna.
- 38. Susan, b. 18 July, 1818; died 1 Sept., 1839; unm.
- 39. Sarah, b. 24 April, 1820; m. Leonard Harris.

Children by Margaret.

- 40. Lucy, b. 8 Nov., 1823; m. Benjamin Davis.
- 41. Ephraim, b. 8 May, 1825; m. Mary Blako.
- 42. Margaret, b. 8 Nov., 1826; m. Christopher Harris.

IV. CALEB (20), b. 17 Jan., 1801, son of Caleb Lyon and Lovice Thompson; married, 5 Aug., 1820, Selina Stebbins, b. 3 June, 1799, daughter of Edward Stebbins and Ann Bishop. He settled in Montville, a farmer, living first in the old homestead on the old Colchester road, and afterwards removed to Palmertown, where he died 13 July, 1882. She died 1 Dec., 1877.

#### Children.

43. Orlando, b. 21 Dec., 1823; m. 1st, Martha Wheeler; had son, Benjamin Orlando, b. 31 Dec., 1845; and daughter, Hannah G., b. 6 Aug., 1850; 2d, Mary (Chapel) Whipple; 3d, Ruth Cobb.
44. Lovice, b. 27 March, 1826; died young.
45. Ellen, b. 9 April, 1831; died young.
46. Edward S., b. 2 July, 1828; died young.
47. Orrin, b. 1 Nov., 1832; m. Sarah Ann Avery. Was killed in the late civil war.
48. Ann, b. 15 March, 1836; m. Green Brown.
49. Harriet, b. 23 Dec., 1838; m. 1st, George Avery; had son, Albert W.
50. Erastus D., b. 25 April, 1841; now living at Palmer-town, 1896, unm.

IV. DANIEL D. (36), b. 20 Sept., 1814, son of Ephraim Lyon and Sarah Darrow; married 1st, Rhoda T. Latham, 16 Oct., 1844, b. 19 May, 1824, died 10 Sept., 1863. He then married for second wife, Emeline G. Babcock, 8 Jan., 1867, b. 17 Oct., 1838. He was a Baptist Minister, much respected and beloved. Elder Lyon, in the early part of his ministry, had the charge of several churches at different times; a man of sincere piety, an earnest preacher, tender hearted, showing always a strong sympathy for the afflicted, giving advice and administering comfort to the needy and unfortunate. He was a strong advocate of all moral reforms, an early advocate of the freedom of the slave, and by word and action helped on the cause to victory. He was earnest in the cause of prohibition, and by precept and example fought hard for

temperance until death released him. He died at Montville 14 Feb., 1895.

Children by Rhoda.

- 51. Daniel Latham, b. 2 Nov., 1845.
- 52. Jonathan F., b. 28 June, 1847.
- 53. Augustus E., b. 24 Dec., 1851.
- 54. Rhoda Augusta, b. 19 Mch., 1854.
- 55. Judson Swan, b. 7 Sept., 1857.
- 56. Frederic Denison, b. 18 Aug., 1859.
- 57. Elizabeth, b. 27 Aug., 1863.

Children by Emeline.

- 58. Charles Arthur, b. 17 July, 1869.
- 59. Grace, b. 6 Jan., 1871.
- 60. Bertha, b. 29 July, 1877.

## DART FAMILIES.

The first of the name was Richard Dart, who bought of William Welman a house and lot in New London 12 Sept., 1664. He continued his residence at New London until his death, 24 Sept., 1724, at the age of eighty-nine years. The name of his wife was Bethiah. Anna Dart, who married, in 1659, Benjamin Brewster, son of Jonathan, was probably a sister to Richard. They lived at Brewsters Neck. The descendants of Richard Dart have been quite numerous, some of which are still worthy citizens of this town.

### Children.

2. Daniel, b. 3 May, 1666; m. Elizabeth Douglass.
3. Richard, b. 7 May, 1667.
4. Roger, b. 27 Nov., 1670.
5. Ebenezer, b. 18 Feb., 1672-3; m. Mary ———.
6. Bethiah, b. ———; m. Joseph Chapel.

II. DANIEL (2), b. 3 May, 1666, son of Richard Dart and Bethiah ———; married 4 Aug., 1686, Elizabeth Douglass, probably daughter of William Douglass and Ann Mattle; Miss Caulkins says, "Elizabeth, wife of John Chandler." She was undoubtedly mistaken in the identity of the person.

About the year 1716 Daniel Dart, with most of his family, removed to Bolton, in Hartford county.

### Children.

7. Thomas, b. 1687.
8. Elizabeth, b. 1689.
9. Daniel, b. 1691.
10. John, b. 1693.



- 11. March, b. 1695.
- 12. Ebenezer, b. 1698.
- 13. Abiah, b. 1701.
- 14. Lydia, b. 1703.
- 15. Samuel, b. 1705.
- 16. Jabez, b. 1709.
- 17. Rachel, b. 1711.

II. EBENEZER (5), b. 18 Feb., 1672-3, son of Richard Dart and Bethiah —; married, about 1706, Mary —.

Children.

- 18. John, b. 11 Oct., 1707.
- 19. Bethia, b. 12 Dec., 1709.
- 20. Mary, b. 19 Aug., 1711.

IV. DAVID DART was an inhabitant of Montville, b. about 1760, and is supposed to have been the son of John. There is a generation between the children of Ebenezer and that of David's that is not recovered. David Dart's father was most certainly a grandson of Ebenezer. He married 1st, Mary Fargo, b. about 1761, daughter of Elder Robert Fargo and Prudence Stanton. She died 12 Oct., 1798. He then married Mercy Ann Mynard.

Children.

- 21. Stanton, b. Jan., 1783; m. Widow Adams.
- 22. Eunice, b. March, 1784; m. Daniel Chapel.
- 23. Robert, b. March, 1786; m. Sally Stebins.
- 24. Lucy, b. July, 1788; m. Caleb Comstock.
- 25. David, b. Jan., 1791; died unm.
- 26. Moses, b. 21 April, 1794; m. Mahalith Chapel.

MOSES (26), b. 21 April, 1794, son of David Dart and Mary Fargo; married 25 March, 1819, Mahalith Chapel, daughter of Comstock Chapel and Hannah Stobbins. He was a farmer; lived on the old New London road leading from Chapel Hill to New London. She died 2 May, 1878. He died 30 Dec., 1879.

## Children.

27. Mary, b. 2 April, 1820; m. John Dart.
28. Albert, b. 22 Feb., 1822; m. Mary ———.
29. Elizabeth, b. 28 May, 1824; m. John P. Comstock.
30. Peter A., b. 5 June, 1827; m. Joseph Daniels.
31. Lavina M., b. 9 April, 1830; m. William H. Rogers.
32. Emily, b. 22 July, 1832; died 1874, unm.
33. Hannah M., b. 18 Dec., 1834; m. Horace M. Newbury.
34. Henry E., b. 5 May, 1837; m. Emily D. Austin.
35. Robert C., b. 4 March, 1841; m. Sarah D. (Baker)  
Hersh.

## WILLIAMS FAMILIES.

There appears to have been several families bearing the name of Williams among the early settlers of New London county, each appearing to be independent and unconnected with the others. To compile a genealogy of these families is a difficult and perplexing task. There are, however, so many people at the present age who are trying to find out their various ancestral lines for the purpose of forming a family tree or chart, or to ascertain whether any one of their ancestors were in the Revolutionary service, that they may thereby be enabled to join the "Sons of the Revolution," or "Daughters of the Revolution," that the genealogist is greatly helped by the information gained from these many sources of historical facts gleaned from every form of record to be found by these record searchers.

"Thomas Williams," Miss Caulkins says, "appears in the plantation about 1670. He lived west of the river at or near Mohegan, and died Sept. 24, 1705, about 61 years of age." The names of his ancestors she does not give, nor has any historian, since her writings, given any clue to his parentage. His age at death compares very closely to that of Thomas, son of Robert of Roxbury, whose birth is given as about 1644, but who, Farmer says in his "Genealogical History," died without issue. Farmer may have been mistaken, and Thomas of Roxbury may have followed the tide of immigration into Connecticut and settled in the wilds of Mohegan, and reared a family unobserved by the early historian.

That Thomas Williams was a cotemporary with Samuel Rogers is quite evident from the fact that Grace, a daughter of Thomas Williams, married Daniel, son of Samuel Rogers,

while other members of his family married settlers on Mohegan lands.

The wife of Thomas Williams was called Johanna ———; her maiden name has not been recovered. He died about 1705. His inventory was taken September 4th of same year. After his death his widow married Samuel Rogers, who died 1 Dec., 1713, leaving her again a widow.

(Children.

2. John, b. about 1672; removed to Stonington.
3. Grace, b. about 1677; m. Daniel Rogers.
4. Thomas, b. about 1679; m. 1st, Sarah Rogers.
5. Jonathan, b. about 1681.
6. William, b. about 1684.
7. Johanna, twin to William; m. John Vibber, 9 Aug., 1711.
8. Mercy, b. about 1685; m. John Noble, 29 April, 1713.
9. Patience, b. about 1687; m. Thomas Grant, 1712.
10. Samuel, b. about 1689; m. Bathsheba Camp, 17 July, 1713.
11. Elizabeth, b. about 1691; m. Samuel Strickland.
12. Ebenezer, b. about 1693; m. Hannah Bacon.

II. THOMAS (4), b. about 1679, son of Thomas Williams and Johanna ———; married 1st, Sarah Rogers, daughter of Joseph Rogers and Sarah ———, 9 Aug., 1712. After living together they appear to have separated, and married for his second wife widow Sarah Babcock in 1717, who died in 1725. His first wife died in 1728. After 1730 he sells a large amount of land at Great Neck, in several parcels, one parcel of 200 acres for £600, all amounting to about £2,400. He then removes to the North Parish of New London, now Montville, where he died in 1763. He may have married a third wife.

Child by First Wife.

13. Ruth, b. about 1713; m. Joseph Huntley.

## Children by Second Wife.

14. Anna, b. about 1718; m. Jethro Smith.
15. Johanna, b. about 1720; m. Joshua Bolles.
16. Lucy, b. about 1722; m. Ebenezer Williams.
17. Jonathan, b. ; m. Hannah Williams.

EBENEZER (12), b. about 1693, son of Thomas Williams and Johanna ———; married about 1717 Hannah Bacon. He settled on Mohegan land. His farm adjoined that of Samson Haughton on the west. He, with his wife, were admitted members of the church in North Parish by Rev. James Millhouse 21 Nov., 1722. He was chosen an elder in the church in 1751. He died about 1780.

## Children.

18. Hannah, b. 16 May, 1718; m. Jonathan Williams.
19. Sarah, b. 25 Jan., 1720; m. Daniel Rogers.
20. Ebenezer, b. 9 Dec., 1721; m. Lucy Williams.
21. Ezekiel, b. about 1723; died about one year old.
22. Dorothy, b. 29 Oct., 1725; m. James Baker.
23. William, b. 9 Sept., 1727; m. Anna Buckley.
24. Mary, b. 5 June, 1729; m. 1st, Simeon Pelton; 2d, Enoch Haskin.
25. Johanna, b. 6 June, 1731; m. Andrew Winchester.
26. Jabez, b. 6 Feb., 1733; an imbecile.
27. Thomas, b. 6 Feb., 1735; m. Jerusha Abel of Norwich.
28. Twin sons, died in infancy.
29. Samuel, b. 5 July, 1738; m. ——— Bolles.
30. Babe, still born.
31. Abigail, b. Sept., 1740; m. Abraham Johnson.
32. Joseph, b. Feb., 1746-7; died about one year old.

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ROBERT WILLIAMS of Roxbury came from Norwich in England about 1638, with his wife, Elizabeth Stratton, and is the ancestor of families bearing the name who have been residents of New London county, and of the divines, civilians, and warriors of this name who have honored the country of their birth. His first wife died 28 July, 1674. He then married for his second wife Martha Strong, who died 22 Dec., 1704. He died 1 Sept., 1693, aged about 100 years.

## Children.

2. Samuel, b. about 1632; m. Theoda Parke.
3. Isaac, b. 1 Sept., 1638; m. 1st, Martha Parke; 2d, Judith Cooper.
4. Stephen, b. about 1640; m. Sarah Wise.
5. Thomas, b. about 1644; may have married Johanna  
———.

SAMUEL (2), b. about 1632, son of Robert Williams and Elizabeth Stratton; m. Theoda Parke, daughter of Dea. William Parke. He was a deacon of Roxbury Church. He died 28 Sept., 1698. His widow married Stephen Peck, and died 26 Aug., 1718.

## Children.

6. Elizabeth, b. 1 Feb., 1654; died in same year.
7. Samuel, b. 15 April, 1655; m. 1st, Sarah May; 2d, Widow Dorothy (Weld) Denison.
8. Martha, b. 29 April, 1657; died Feb., 1660.
9. Elizabeth, b. 11 Feb., 1659; m. Stephen Paine.
10. Theoda, b. 27 July, 1662; died in 1678.
11. John, b. 10 Dec., 1664; m. Eunice Mather.
12. Ebenezer, b. 6 Dec., 1666; lived at Stonington and Preston.
13. Deborah, b. 20 Nov., 1668; m. Joseph Warren. She was grandmother of Gen. Joseph Warren, who fell at Bunker Hill 17 June, 1775.
14. Martha, b. 19 May, 1671; m. Jonathan Hunt.
15. Abigail, b. 12 July, 1674; m. Experience Portor.
16. Park, b. 11 Jan., 1676; m. Priscilla ———.

ISAAC (3), b. 1 Sept., 1638, son of Robert Williams and Elizabeth Stratton; married 1st, Martha Parke; 2d, Judith Cooper. He settled at Newton, Mass., a captain. Representative in 1692, 1695, and 1697.

## Children by Martha.

17. Isaac, b. 11 Dec., 1661.
18. Martha, b. 27 Dec., 1663.

- 19. William, b. 2 Feb., 1665.
- 20. John, b. 31 Aug., 1667; m. Martha Wheeler.
- 21. Eleazer, b. 22 Oct., 1669.
- 22. Thomas, b. 23 Oct., 1673.

Children by Judith.

- 23. Peter, b. 31 Aug., 1680.
- 24. Sarah, b. 2 Oct., 1688.
- 25. Ephraim, b. 21 Oct., 1691.

EBENEZER (12), b. 6 Dec., 1666, son of Samuel Williams and Theoda Parke; married 24 Jan., 1687, Mary Wheeler, daughter of Isaac Wheeler of Stonington. Another daughter of Isaac Wheeler married the same day John Williams, son of Isaac. First wife died 3 June, 1708. He married second, Sarah Haminond, 12 July, 1711, died 5 Sept., 1751. Ebenezer Williams died 13 Feb., 1746-7.

Children by Mary.

- 26. Theoda, b. 29 Oct., 1687; died young.
- 27. ———, b. 17 Sept., 1691; died 3 days old.
- 28. Mary, b. 7 Jan., 1694.
- 29. Samuel, b. 3 Feb., 1696.
- 30. Theoda, b. 3 Jan., 1701.
- 31. Selina, b. 18 Dec., 1703.
- 32. Elizabeth, b. 21 Oct., 1705.
- 33. Ebenezer, twin to Elizabeth.
- 34. Martha, b. 3 April, 1708.

Children by Sarah.

- 35. Nathan, b. 24 July, 1715.
- 36. Elisha, b. 12 Jan., 1718-19.

STEPHEN (4), b. about 1640, son of Robert Williams and Elizabeth Stratton; married Sarah Wise. He died 15 Nov., 1702. His widow then married Thomas Atwood 1 June, 1714.

## Children.

- 37. Sarah, b. 13 Aug., 1667.
- 38. Mary, b. 20 Dec., 1669.
- 39. Elizabeth, b. 1 Oct., 1672.
- 40. Bethia, b. 26 April, 1676.
- 41. Stephen, b. 27 Aug., 1678.
- 42. Robert, b.           ; died in infancy.
- 43. Joseph, b. 24 Feb., 1681.
- 44. John, b. 16 Jan., 1683.
- 45. Henry, b. 9 April, 1686.
- 46. Grace, b. 2 April, 1688.
- 47. Colten, b. 9 Nov., 1690.
- 48. Thomas, b. 27 July, 1694; died young.

JOHN (20), b. 31 Aug., 1667, son of Isaac Williams and Martha Parke; married Martha Wheeler 24 Jan., 1687, daughter of Isaac Wheeler.

## Children.

- 49. Isaac, b. 10 April, 1689.
- 50. John, b. 31 Oct., 1692; m. Desire Denison.
- 51. Martha, b. 3 Aug., 1693.
- 52. Deborah, b. 2 April, 1695.
- 53. William, b. 29 March, 1697.
- 54. Nathan, b. 11 Dec., 1698.
- 55. Benciah, b. 28 Aug., 1703.

STEPHEN (41), b. 27 Aug., 1678, son of Stephen Williams and Sarah Wise; married ————.

## Children.

- 56. Stephen, b. March, 1701; m. Sarah Payne.
- 57. Samuel, b. 1703.
- 58. Susanna, b. 1706.
- 59. Henry, b. 24 Jan., 1707-8; m. Mary Payne.

JOHN (50), b. 31 Oct., 1692, son of John Williams and Martha Wheeler; married Desire Denison. He died Dec., 1771. He was called "Col. John Williams."



## Children.

- 60. William, b. about 170 .
- 61. Thomas, b.
- 62. John, b.
- 63. Robert, b.
- 64. George, b. about 1724; m. Eunice Avery.
- 65. Edward, b.
- 66. Thankful, b.
- 67. Mercy, b.
- 68. Deborah, b.

HENRY (59), b. 24 Jan., 1707-8, son of Stephen Williams and Sarah Wise; married Mary Payne, and had a son, Benjamin, b. about 1740, who married and had sons, Smith, b. 17 Nov., 1766; Abiel, b. 25 Oct., 1768; Ephraim, b. Oct., 1770; Isaac, b. about 1772; Oliver, b. about 1774.

GEORGE (64), b. about 1724, son of John Williams and Martha Wheeler; married Eunice Avery. A farmer; settled in Montville in the part set off to Waterford in 1801. He was a man of considerable notoriety in his day, a true patriot. He died 11 August, 1775, soon after the Declaration of Independence was signed. His wife survived him and died 24 June, 1812.

## Children.

- 69. George, b. about 1751; m. Nancy Hewitt.
- 70. Solomon, b.
- 71. Amos, b.
- 72. Dudley, b.
- 73. Robert, b. about 1767; died 15 June, 1787.
- 74. Ebenezer, b. about 1770.
- 75. Jesse, b. about 1774; died 12 July, 1822.
- 76. Prudence, b.
- 77. Eunice, b.
- 78. Bridget, b.
- 79. Desire, b.



GEORGE (69), b. about 1751, son of George Williams and Eunice Avery; married Nancy Hewitt, b. about 1759, daughter of Israel Hewitt and Tabatha Wheaton. He was a farmer and large land-holder; lived at the old homestead in Waterford, near the line between Montville and Waterford. His mansion house stood on the west side of the old Norwich and New London turnpike, and is still standing, 1896. A picture of the house is to be found in this book. Esquire Williams was a man of considerable prominence. A justice of the peace, and held other important offices. It is held by a tradition in the families of his descendants that Gen. George Washington, at the time of his passing through Norwich and Mohegan on his trip from Boston to New York in the year 1776, stopped at the house of Esquire Williams and rested for a few hours. A chair in which it is said the General sat at that time is now in the possession of the Hewitts, living near the old Williams homestead.

Esquire Williams at one time owned the land now occupied by the Uncasville Manufacturing Company, and also the site where the Wm. G. Johnson Dye Mill now stands. Esq. George Williams died 30 June, 1830. She died 28 Aug., 1844.

#### Children.

80. Nancy, b. about 1780; m. Peris Hewitt.
81. Cynthia, b. 26 Sept., 1782; m. Joseph S. Allyn.
82. Eunice, b. about 1784; m. Palmer Hewitt.
83. Thankful, b. about 1786; m. Moses Benjamin. They were the parents of the late William P. Benjamin, a merchant of New London.
84. Fanny, b. about 1788; m. Robert Bowser.
85. Charlotte, b. about 1790; m. Edward R. Warren.
86. Diodama, b. about 1792; m. Jeremiah Comstock.
87. Clarissa, b. about 1794; m. B. E. Champlin.
88. George, b. 27 Aug., 1796; died in infancy.
89. Elizabeth, b. about 1798; died young.

## MAPLES FAMILIES.

Stephen Maples was among the earliest settlers on lands in the North Parish of New London. He appears first at New London in 1712, when he, with others, were selected as watchmen, called the "Military Watch." He, with others, were summoned before the court of commissioners to show the titles to the land they were occupying and improving, upon the complaint of the Indians to the general court in 1720.

At the meeting of the commissioners, held at the house of Joseph Bradford on the 22d day of Feb., 1720-21, the land titles which had previously been in dispute were confirmed to the occupants, Stephen Maples being one whose land claim was sustained. He resided in the north part of the Parish, near the Norwich line, and where many of his descendants afterwards lived. He married, about 1718, Patience Fargo, daughter of Moses Fargo. He, with his wife, united with the church at North Parish on the 24th day of April, 1726. He died Aug. 26, 1755.

### Children.

2. John, b. 15 Sept., 1719; m. Sarah Baker.
3. Stephen, b. 1 Oct., 1721; m. Eunice Way. He died Sept., 1750, aged 29 years.
4. Sarah, b. 22 April, 1724; died 11 Sept., 1755, unm.
5. William, b. 15 June, 1727; m. Prudence Comstock.
6. Mary, b. 2 Dec., 1729; died young.

II. JOHN (2), b. 15 Sept., 1719, son of Stephen Maples and Patience Fargo; m. 12 May, 1743, Sarah, daughter of Joshua Baker and Marion Hurlburt. He was a farmer and lived on the homestead in the North Parish, now Montville. He joined the church during the pastorate of Rev. David

Jewett. He died at Montville 2 July, 1798. She died 29 July, 1797.

Children.

7. John, b. 5 June, 1744.
8. Stephen, b. 3 Jan., 1749; m. 1st, Ann Leffingwell; 2d, Lydia Vergason.
9. Susanna, b. 2 Jan., 1751; m. Reuben Ransom.
10. Joshua, b. June, 1753; m. Harriet Dart.
11. David, b. 3 Feb., 1755.
12. Sarah, b. 19 Dec., 1757; m. Joshua Monroe.
13. Ann, b. 14 May, 1760.
14. Josiah, b. 15 May, 1762.
15. Andrew, b. 23 July, 1764; m. 1st, Eunice Congdon; 2d, Elizabeth Clark.

II. WILLIAM (5), b. 15 June, 1727, son of Stephen Maples and Patience Fargo; m. 1st, Prudence Comstock; 2d, Joanna Stebbins, b. 29 Nov., 1749, daughter of Jabez Stebbins and Sarah Turner. He was a farmer; lived in the house on the north side of the Norwich road, near the house built by his son, Abel, now occupied by Dan. D. Home. He died 13 April, 1821.

Children by Prudence.

16. William, b. ; m.
17. Prudence, b. ; m. Simeon S. Carew.
18. Jonathan, b. ; m. Desiro Chapman.
19. Joseph, b. ; settled in Preston.
20. Stephen, b. ; m. 1st, Amy Smith; 2d, Phebe Smith, sister of Amy.
21. Betsey, b. about 1768; m. John Stanton.

Children by Joanna.

22. Lucretia, b. 29 April, 1781; m. Lobbeus Lathrop.
23. Jabez S., b. 7 May, 1783.
24. Abel, b. 30 Jan., 1785; m. Lovina ———.
25. Mercy, b. 5 March, 1787; m. Ebenezer Lincoln.
26. Eleanor, b. 5 Jan., 1789; m. William L. Moore, 5 Nov., 1814.

III. STEPIEN (8), b. 3 Jan., 1749, son of John Maples and Sarah Baker; m. Bathshoba ———. She died 5 Feb., 1819, in her 72d year. After her death he married for second wife Lydia Vergason. He died 3 May, 1829. After his death she married Benjamin Babcock.

Children by Bathsheba.

- 27. Stephen, b. about 1775.
- 28. John, b. about 1778.
- 29. David, b. 19 April, 1781; m. Louisa Jeffingwell.
- 30. Olive, b. 13 May, 1783; died 8 Sept., 1854, unm.
- 31. Benjamin, b. 3 May, 1785; m.
- 32. Asa, b. 4 Aug., 1788; died 27 April, 1848.
- 33. Sarah, b. ; m. Samuel S. Ford, 13 Jan., 1822.

Child by Lydia.

- 34. Eliza J., b. ; m. ——— Goff.

III. JOSHUA (10), b. June, 1753, son of John Maples and Sarah Baker; married Harriet Dart of Norwich. He was a farmer and settled in Norwich, where he died.

Children.

- 35. Joshua, b. 6 March, 1783; m. Elizabeth Rogers.
- 36. Hannah, b. ; m. Isaac Huntington.

III. ANDREW (15), b. 23 July, son of John Maples and Sarah Baker; m. 1st, Eunice Congdon, daughter of John Congdon and Ann Mirick. She died 16 May, 1805. He then married, second wife, Elizabeth Clark of Lyme. He was a farmer. The house stood on the Norwich road, built by himself on land which formerly belonged to his father, and now occupied by Silas H. Browning. He died 23 Aug., 1849. His last wife died 6 Feb., 1834.

Children by Eunice.

- 37a. Andrew C., b. about 1791; died 20 Jan., 1812, unm.
- 38b. Elisha, b. about 1793.

- 39c. Nancy, b. 24 April, 1796; m. John B. Rogers.
- 40d. John C., b. 20 Jan., 1799; m. Susan Smith.

Children by Elizabeth.

- 41e. Charles, b. about 1804; m. Tabatha Lamb.
- 42f. Almira M., b. about 1806; m. ——— Smith.
- 43g. Eunice, b. about 1808; died 30 Sept., 1834.
- 44h. Sarah B., b. about 1811; died 12 April, 1837.
- 45i. Frances Maria, b. about 1817; m. Phineas F. Schofield; died 24 June, 1885; leaving one daughter, Mary.
- 46j. Caroline, b. about 1814; died 23 Sept., 1873, unm.
- 47k. Clark L., b. about 1820; died

III. ABEL (24), b. 30 Jan., 1785, son of William Maples and Joanna Stebbins; m. Lovina ———. He was a farmer and settled in Montville, and lived in the house built on the homestead farm of his father, now occupied by Dan. D. Home. He died 18 June, 1832. She died 18 Aug., 1860.

Children.

- 37. Sophia, b. ; died at the age of 6 years.
- 38. Henry R., b. about 1811; died at sea 14 June, 1836.
- 39. James N., b. about 1813; died 17 May, 1842.
- 40. Reuben P., b. about ; m. ———, living in 1896.

IV. DAVID (29), b. 19 April, 1781, son of Stephen Maples and Ann Leffingwell; married Betsey Leffingwell, daughter of Samuel Leffingwell. He settled in Norwich, where he died 3 Sept., 1820. She died 10 July, 1858.

Children.

- 41. Lyman, b. about 1810; m. Lucinda Wells.
- 42. Leonard, b. about 1812; m. Eliza Barns.
- 43. Tyler, b. about 1815; m. Rhoda Sterling.

IV. BENJAMIN (31), b. 3 May, 1785, son of Stephen Maples and Ann Leffingwell; m. Belinda Hamilton. He

settled in Norwich, where he died 20 Aug., 1849. She died 28 July, 1851.

#### Children.

- 44. Hiram, b. ; m.
- 45. Lathrop. b. ; m. Eunice Allon.
- 46. Burissa, b. about 1813; died 29 Sept., 1833.
- 47. Betsey, b. ; m. Nelson Vergason.
- 48. Henry, b. ; m. ——— Allen.

IV. JOSHUA (34), b. 6 March, 1783, son of Joshua Maples and Harriet Dart; married 9 Dec., 1810, Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of Eleazer Rogers and Lucy Edgerton, b. 5 May, 1788. He settled in Bozrah. Was captain of militia, member of the legislature, and held various town offices; a man of sterling integrity and worth. She died at Bozrah 18 Aug., 1847. He died there

#### Children.

- 49. Thomas, b. 1 April, 1812; died 31 Aug., 1840, unm.
- 50. Hannah, b. 22 Oct., 1813.
- 51. Elisha, b. 13 Oct., 1815; died
- 52. Lucy, b. 15 Oct., 1817; m. George Lathrop.
- 53. Mary Fitch, b. 22 Aug., 1820; m. George Woodworth.
- 54. Charles, b. 2 Nov., 1822; m. Sarah Maria Post.
- 55. Joshua, b. 7 March, 1826; m. Alice Abel Tracy.
- 56. Eleazer, b. 25 Dec., 1828; died 1 March, 1829.

IV. JOHN C. (40d), b. 20 Jan., 1799, son of Andrew Maples and Eunice Congdon; married Susan Smith, daughter of Benjamin Smith and Susan Lewis. He was a farmer, lived at Massapeag, where he died 20 Aug., 1884.

#### Children.

- 57. Susan M., b. 3 Jan., 1824; m. George A. Rogers.
- 58. Elisha E., b. 14 July, 1827; m. Laura L. Smith.
- 59. Almira, b. 30 July, 1837; m. Seth C. Smith.



## NEWBURY FAMILIES.

The name of Newbury first appears in Groton about 1700, since which time many persons bearing the name have appeared on the stage of action, and others of the female line who have intermarried and taken other names are very numerous in Groton and other towns adjacent. The first of the name whose family is found recorded in the Groton records was John Newbury, who married Elizabeth Stark about the year 1704.

### Children.

2. John, b. 16 Aug., 1710.
3. Sarah, b. 3 June, 1712.
4. Joseph, b. 4 March, 1713.
5. Nathan, b. 3 March, 1716.
6. Elizabeth, b. 4 Feb., 1718.
7. James, b. 23 March, 1720.
8. Trial, b. 25 Feb., 1722; m. ——— Davis.
9. Nathaniel, b. 10 March, 1724.
10. Hannah, b. 25 March, 1726.

II. TRIAL (8), b. 25 Feb., 1722, son of John Newbury and Elizabeth Stark; married, about 1745, ——— Davis, probably daughter of Andrew Davis of Groton.

### Children.

11. Susanna, b. 7 Aug., 1746.
12. Elkanah, b. 15 April, 1748.
13. Elihu, b. 18 April, 1750.
14. Triphena, b. 20 June, 1754.
15. Eliphal, b. 21 July, 1756.
16. Nathan, b. 29 Aug., 1759; m. Welthan (Green) Johnson.
17. Davis, b. 4 Oct., 1762; m. Lydia Williams.

**NATHAN** (16), b. 29 Aug., 1759, son of Trial Newbury and ——— Davis, supposed daughter of Andrew Davis of Groton; married, about 1787, Welthan (Green) Johnson, widow of Robinson Johnson, b. in England, and daughter of Christopher Green and Mercy Stoddard. He was a blacksmith; lived for a time in Groton, and afterwards in Montville. He died at Montville 19 Dec., 1840. She died 11 Aug., 1814.

#### Children.

18. Nathaniel, b. 10 May, 1788; m. Fanny Ball.
19. Mercy, b. 20 April, 1790; m. Joseph Schofield.
20. Nathan, b. 6 March, 1792; m.
21. George Johnson, b. 30 Sept., 1794.
22. Elihu, b. 17 Aug., 1796.
23. Eunice, b. 2 Oct., 1798; m. Ezra Dart.
24. Christopher, b. 29 Dec., 1800; m. Desire Northrop.
25. Stephen, b. 6 Oct., 1804; died 25 Feb., 1809.
26. Newman, b. 3 Jan., 1808; m. Lucinda Bolles.

**DAVIS** (17), b. 4 Oct., 1762, son of Trial Newbury and ——— Davis; married Lydia Williams. He was a resident of Montville. Several children died here of a contagious disease.

#### Children.

27. Nancy, b. 9 Dec., 1785.
28. Betsey, b. 12 Oct., 1787.
29. Elkhannah, b. 13 Oct., 1789.
30. Sally, b. 23 April, 1792.
31. Maria, b. 10 June, 1794.
32. Fanny, b. 7 Aug., 1796.
33. Sabra, b. 15 June, 1799.
34. Eunice, b. 7 March, 1802.
35. William, b. 13 May, 1804.
36. Benjamin F., b. 20 Aug., 1808.

**CHRISTOPHER GREEN** (24), b. 29 Dec., 1800, son of Nathan Newbury and Welthan (Green) Johnson; married 16 Feb., 1822, Desire Northrop, b. 4 May, 1802, of South

Kingston, R. I. He settled at Groton, Conn. He lived a few years on a farm near Chapel Hill, which he sold and returned to Groton, where he died 13 June, 1886. She died there 28 July, 1893.

Children.

37. Sally, b. 24 Aug., 1825; m. Amasa Rockwell.
38. Christopher G., b. 24 Feb., 1829; m. 1st, ——— Pren-  
tice; 2d, ——— ———.
39. Horace M., b. 3 Sept., 1834; m. 1st, Hannah M. Dart,  
2d, ——— ———.
40. Byron, b. 31 Aug., 1842; m. Emeline Chapel.

## CHAPEL FAMILIES.

William Chapel, the ancestor of the Chapels of Montville, first appears an inhabitant of New London about 1658. In 1667 he was associated with William Peake in the purchase of various lots on the west side of the town plot, which they divided between them. A considerable portion of the land purchased by them and which lay on the southeastern slope of what is now called "Prospect Hill," was sold to Ann Latimer, widow of Robert Latimer.

The Cedar Grove Cemetery, which was laid out in 1851, was a part of the Latimer purchase. Mr. Chapel's residence was on the Cohanzic road, on what is now called "Cavarly Farm." His wife's name was Christian ———. He died in 1689 or 1690. His widow afterwards married Edward Stallion in 1693, by whom she had two children. He was drowned by falling out of his canoe the 14th day of May, 1703, near Groton shore.

The descendants of William Chapel were numerous, many of which settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, at a place now called "Chapel Hill."

### Children.

2. Mary, b. 14 Feb., 1669; m. John Wood.
3. John, b. 28 Feb., 1672; m. Sarah Lewis.
4. William, b. Sept., 1677; probably died young.
5. Christian, b. Feb., 1681; m. Samuel Fairbanks.
6. William, b. 1682.
7. Joseph, b. 1685; m. Berthia Dart.

II. JOHN (3), b. 28 Feb., 1672, son of William Chapel and Christian ———; married 26 Aug., 1698, Sarah Lewis.

## Children.

8. Patience, b. about 1699, m. Peter Wickwire, 29 Feb., 1720.
9. Ann, b. about 1700, m. Jeremiah Congdon, 16 Dec., 1725.
10. John, b. about 1702; m. Hannah Edgecomb, 28 April, 1726.
11. Elizabeth, b. about 1705; m. 1st, Ezekiel Chapman, 23 Nov., 1730; 2d, ————.
12. Hannah, b. about 1708; m. Daniel Mason, 13 Dec., 1734.
13. Sarah, b. about 1710; m. Samuel Strickland, 25 Feb., 1742.
14. Richard, b. about 1719; m. Jemima Comstock, 24 Dec., 1741.
15. Ezekiel, b. about 1721; m. 1st, Hannah Atwell, 12 Jan., 1742; 2d, Delight Baker.
16. Amos, b. about 1722; m. Phebe Daniels, 20 Dec., 1748.

II. JOSEPH (7), b. about 1685, son of William Chapel and Christian ———; married Berthia Dart.

## Children.

17. Joseph, b. about 1709; m.
18. Mary, b. ———; m. Daniel Comstock.
19. Jonathan, b. ———; m. Elizabeth Comstock.
- 19a. William, b. ———; m. Berthia Dart, 14 April, 1732.

III. JOHN (10), b. about 1702, son of John Chapel and Sarah Lewis; married 28 April, 1726, Hannah Edgecomb.

## Children.

20. Sarah, b. 23 Oct., 1726.
21. John, b. 28 Feb., 1728; died in Jamaica.
22. Jonathan, b. 30 Aug., 1730; m. Eunice Leach.
23. Joshua, b. 13 Dec., 1733.
24. Hannah, b. 12 March, 1735.
25. Ann, b. 13 Aug., 1738; m. Daniel Chapel.
26. Joseph, b. 9 Nov., 1740; m. Patience Stebbins, daughter of Jabez Stebbins.

27. Isaac, b. 17 June, 1743; m.

28. Jesse, b. 3 April, 1746.

III. RICHARD (14), b. about 1719, son of John Chapel and Sarah Lewis; married 24 Dec., 1741, Jemima Comstock, daughter of Kingsley Comstock and Rachel Crocker. He joined the church at New London 5 July, 1741. He died 28 Jan., 1798. She died 29 July, 1809, aged 86 years.

#### Children.

29. Martha, bap. 23 Oct., 1743; m. William Congdon.

30. William, bap. 26 Aug., 1744; m. Eunice Caulkins.

31. Guy, b. about 1746; m. Delight Swaddle.

32. Bethia, bap. 1748; m. ——— Harding.

33. Jemima, b. ; m. William Swaddle.

34. Betsey, b. ; m. ——— Bishop.

III. EZEKIEL (15), b. about 1721, son of John Chapel and Sarah Lewis; m. 13 Jan., 1741, Hannah Atwell, daughter of Samuel Atwell and Mary ———, by whom he had four children. After her death he married, second, Delight Baker, daughter of Joshua Baker. He died about 1800.

#### Children by Hannah.

35. Atwell, b. 18 May, 1741; m. Johanna Hill.

36. Ezekiel, b. about 1744; m. Sarah Gardner.

37. Japhet, b. about 1746; m.

38. Samuel, b. about 1748; m. and had a son, Joshua B.

#### Children by Delight.

39. Betsey, b. ; m. Samuel Latimer.

40. Theoda, b. ; m. Stephen Smith.

41. Asa, b. ; m. Betsey Chapman.

III. JOSEPH (17), b. 1709, son of Joseph (7); married

#### Children.

41a. Daniel, b. about ; m. Ann Chapel.

42. William, bap. 22 March, 1730; m. Rebecca ———.

- 43. Mary, bap. 1 Dec., 1734.
- 44. Berthia, bap. 1 Dec., 1734.
- 45. Jedediah, b. about 1738; m. 1st, Rachel Carrol; 2d, Theoda Swaddle; 3d, Lucy Swaddle.

III. JONATHAN (19), b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of Joseph Chapel and Berthia Dart; married 25 March, 1742, Elizabeth Comstock, daughter of Peter Comstock and Martha Avery. He died in 1786.

#### Children.

- 42a. Peter, b. 26 Feb., 1743; m. Esther Douglass.
- 43b. Joseph, b. 10 Dec., 1745.
- 44c. Prudence, b. 3 Dec., 1746; m. Thomas Strickland.
- 45d. Ebenezer, b. 26 March, 1748; died young.
- 46. Christian, b. 14 July, 1751; m. ——— Leach.
- 47. Elizabeth, b. 16 Nov., 1753; m. Jonathan Latimer.
- 48. Jonathan, b. 29 Jan., 1756.
- 49. Ebenezer, twin to Jonathan; died 3 June, 1756.
- 50. Berthia, b. 10 Sept., 1758; m. ——— Douglass.
- 51. Martha, twin to Berthia; m. ——— Hambleton.
- 52. Abigail, b. 28 June, 1761; m. ——— Smith.
- 53. Sarah, b. 27 Sept., 1763; m. Peter Turner, 11 Nov., 1787.
- 54. Esther, b. 1765; died young.
- 55. Comstock, b. 9 March, 1768; m. Hannah Stebbins.

IV. JONATHAN (22), b. 30 Aug., 1730, son of John Chapel and Hannah Edgecomb; married Aug., 1750, Eunice Leach.

#### Children.

- 56. John, b. 9 Nov., 1750; died young.
- 57. Grace, b. 28 Sept., 1753.
- 58. Guy, b. 23 Aug., 1755; died 18 June, 1782.
- 59. Rhoda, b. 15 Jan., 1758.
- 60. Lucy, b. 26 Jan., 1760.
- 61. Temperance, b. 21 April, 1764.
- 62. Richard, b. 25 Nov., 1766; m. Sarah Brown.
- 63. Jesse, b. 5 Aug., 1768.

- 64. John, b. 1 April, 1772.
- 65. William, b. 13 Feb., 1775.

IV. ISAAC (27), b. 17 June, 1743, son of John Chapel and Hannah Edgecomb; married ————, had son,

Child.

- 70. Isaac, b. ; m. Elizabeth King, Nov., 1783.

IV. GUY (31), b. about 1746, son of Richard Chapel and Jemima Comstock; married, about 1780, Delight Swaddle, daughter of Samuel Swaddle and Delight Bliss. He was a farmer and lived in Montville and Waterford.

Children.

- 71. Phally, b. 3 Dec., 1781; m. Daniel Hempstead.
- 72. James, twin to Phally; m. Jemima Cole.
- 73. Benjamin, b.
- 74. Philena, b. 8 March, 1784; m. Fitch Miner.
- 75. Esther, b. 19 Feb., 1786; m. George Church.
- 76. Emeline, b.
- 77. Betsey, b. ; m. Joseph Baker.
- 78. Hannah, b.
- 79. Elizabeth, b. ; m. Nathan Chappell.
- 80. Erastus, b. April, 1792; m. Nancy Rogers.

IV. ATWELL (35), b. 18 May, 1741, son of Ezekiel Chapel and Hannah Atwell; married 17 March, 1768, Johannah Hill, daughter of Jonathan Hill and Charlotte Fox. His house stood at a place called Chapel Corners in Montville, a short distance east from the Oxoboxo Pond. He was a farmer and had a saw-mill on the site of Harry Vincent's woolen mill. He was justice of the peace and held other important offices, and was much respected. He died 9 Jan., 1811. She died 13 Aug., 1809.

Children.

- 81. George, b. 18 Dec., 1768.
- 82. Charlot, b. 30 Oct., 1770; m. Sally Miner.



83. Elizabeth, b. 12 March, 1772; m. Joshua Baker.  
 84. Daniel, b. 17 Dec., 1776; m. Eunice Richards.

IV. EZEKIEL (36), b. about 1744, son of Ezekiel Chapel and Hannah Atwell; married, about 1770, Sarah Gardner, daughter of David Gardner and Jemima Gustin. He was a farmer and settled in Waterford. She died 4 July, 1825, aged 75 years. He married, for second wife, widow Pennyman of New London, 13 Jan., 1827, when he was 82 years of age. He died 3 Oct., 1832, aged 87 years.

#### Children.

85. Mima, b. about 1771; m. Joshua Smith of Waterford.  
 86. Elis, b. about 1774; m. Joel Loomis.  
 87. Hannah, b. about 1776; m. Willard Wickwire.  
 88. Abby, b. about 1777; m. Mathew Turner.  
 89. Sally, b. about 1779; m. Stephen Chapel.

IV. DANIEL (41a), b. \_\_\_\_\_, son of Joseph Chapel and \_\_\_\_\_; married Ann Chapel, daughter of John Chapel and Hannah Edgecomb.

#### Children.

- 89a. Daniel, b. 14 Jan., 1783; m. Eunice Dart. Had a son, Edwin F., b. 25 June, 1816; m. Eliza Chappell. He died 21 July, 1887. Daniel, the father, died 13 Nov., 1880.

IV. WILLIAM (42), baptized 22 March, 1730, son of Joseph Chapel and \_\_\_\_\_; married Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Children.

90. William, b. 21 Dec., 1754; m. Eunice Maples.  
 91. Ransford, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Mercy Williams.  
 92. Ann, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 93. Lucy, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Titus Beckwith.  
 94. Hannah, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Clement Beckwith.  
 95. Nancy, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Isaac Whipple.  
 96. Mary, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. John Lyon.

IV. PETER (42a), b. 26 Feb., 1743, son of Jonathan Chapel and Elizabeth Comstock; married Esther Douglass.

Children.

- 97. Mary, b. about 1773; m. Lebbeus Baker.
- 98. Lydia, b. ; m. Jeremiah Wickwire, Jr.
- 99. Peter, b.
- 100. Esther, b.
- 101. Berthia, b. ; m. Samuel Carol.
- 102. Betsey, b. ; m. Benjamin Johnson.
- 102a. Grace, b. ; m. Nathan Holmes.

JEDEDIAH (45), b. about 1738, son of Joseph Chapel and Berthia Dart; married 1st, Rachel Carroll; 2d, Theoda Swaddle, 17 Jan., 1765; 3d, Lucy Swaddle, b. 1 Jan., 1733, daughter of Samuel Swaddle and Delight Bliss. He died 18 Aug., 1822, aged 84 years. She died 12 Aug., 1835, aged 102 years, 7 months, 9 days.

Children by Theoda.

- 103. James Carrol, b. 17 April, 1766.
- 104. Jeremiah, b. about 1768; m. Grace Lyon.
- 105. Thomas, b. about 1770.
- 106. Jedediah, b. about 1778; m. Hester Ames.
- 107. Theoda, b. about 1780; m. Willard Wickwire.

Children by Lucy.

- 108. Lucy, b. about 1782; m. Jeremiah Miller.
- 109. Samuel, b. about 1784; m. Nancy Ames.

IV. COMSTOCK (55), b. 9 March, 1768, son of Jonathan Chapel and Elizabeth Comstock; married Hannah Stebbens, daughter of Edward Stebbens and Ann Bishop.

Children.

- 110. Sarah, b. ; m. Abraham Adams.
- 111. Joshua, b. ; m. Sarah Ann Comstock.
- 112. Mohaloth, b. ; m. Moses Dart.

V. RICHARD (62), b. 25 Nov., 1766, son of Jonathan Chapel and Eunice Leach; married 23 Oct., 1788, Sarah Brown.

Children.

- 113. Sally, b. 29 Sept., 1789.
- 114. Lucretia, b. 2 May, 1791.
- 115. Richard, b. 19 Jan., 1792.
- 116. Harriet, b. 28 Sept., 1793.

ISAAC (70), b. \_\_\_\_\_; son of Isaac Chapel and \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_; married Nov., 1783, Elizabeth King.

Children.

- 117. Abigail, b. 7 May, 1785.
- 118. Jonathan, b. 22 Feb., 1787.
- 119. Isaac, b. 19 March, 1789.
- 120. George, b. 6 May, 1793.
- 121. Henry, b. 6 Feb., 1796.
- 122. Nancy, b. 15 May, 1798.
- 123. Elizabeth, b. 18 Oct., 1800.
- 124. Lydia, b. 10 May, 1804.

V. ERASTUS (80), b. April, 1792, son of Guy Chapel and Delight Swaddle; married Nancy Rogers, daughter of James Rogers and Elizabeth Howard. She died 11 July, 1832, aged 37 years. He died at Montville at the residence of his daughter, Nancy, 24 June, 1882.

Children.

- 125. Elizabeth, b. \_\_\_\_\_; died young.
- 126. James, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Jerusha Smith, and had a daughter, Lizzie, who married John P. Turner.
- 127. Henry, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Susan Stoddard.
- 128. Mary, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Hiram Smith.
- 129. Maria, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Thomas Wheeler, son of Ebenezer,
- 130. Hiram, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Susan Maynard.

131. Nancy, b. 4 July, 1832; m. George W. Alexander.  
Had two sons, George E., b. 16 Jan., 1859; Edwin  
C., b. 13 Feb., 1868.
132. Martha, twin to Nancy; died young.

V. 'CHARLOT' (82), b. 30 Oct., 1770, son of Atwell Chapel and Johanna Hill; married Sally Miner.

#### Children.

133. Caleb M., b. 11 Feb., 1787; m. and settled in Michigan  
in 1832. He died 14 June, 1873.
134. Japhet, b. 9 July, 1794; m. Mary Lewis.

V. DANIEL (84), b. 17 Dec., 1776, son of Atwell Chapel and Johanna Hill; married about 1815, Nancy Richards, daughter of Nehemiah. He was a farmer, lived on the Lucretia Atwell place on Dolbeare Hill. He died 31 March, 1856. She died 24 Oct., 1848.

#### Children.

135. George, b. about 1818; m. Mercy Davenport.
136. Hannah, b. 25 Dec., 1822; m. Jeremiah Vallet.

V. WILLIAM (90), b. 21 Dec., 1754, son of William Chapel and Rebecca ———; married 19 June, 1777, Eunice Maples, b. 29 Sept., 1753, daughter of ——— ———. He was a farmer and lived at Chapel Hill.

#### Children.

137. Rebecca, b. 18 Feb., 1780; died unm.
138. Simeon, b. 8 Oct., 1782; m.
139. Goddard Martenas, b. 31 Jan., 1785; m. Rebecca Williams.
140. Betsey, b. 16 Sept., 1787; died unm.
141. Sally, b. 8 May, 1790; died unm.
142. Eunice, b. 29 July, 1793; m. Thomas Jones.
143. Jonathan, b. 8 July, 1796; m. Freelove Cobb.

V. RANSFORD (91), b. , son of William Chapel and Rebecca ———; married Mercy Williams, daughter of Benjamin Williams. He was a farmer and lived at Chapel Hill.

Children.

- 144. Eliza, b. ; m. James Quinley.
- 145. Ann, b. 6 March, 1804; m. in 1824, Benjamin Thompson, b. in 1784. Had children, Harriet, Sarah, Leonard, Fanny, and Susan.
- 146. Rachel, b. 1806; m. George Holmes.
- 147. Catherine, b. ; m. Raymond Austin.
- 148. Lodice, b. ; died young.
- 149. Mercy, b. ; died young.
- 150. Lydia, b. ; m. Palmer Douglass.

V. JEDEDIAH (106), b. about 1778, son of Jedediah Chapel and Theoda Swaddle; married Hester Ames, daughter of Daniel Ames. He was a farmer and lived in Chesterfield Society in Montville. He died 14 Aug., 1846. She died 1 Sept., 1862, age 82.

Children.

- 151. Hubbard L., b. about 1810; m. Julia Ames.
- 152. Daniel, b. about 1811; m. Mary Whipple.
- 153. James H., b. ; m. Eunice Dunbar.
- 154. Emeline, b. ; m. Leander Davis.
- 155. Theoda, b. ; m. Jason Whipple.

V. SAMUEL (109), b. about 1784, son of Jedediah Chapel and Lucy Swaddle; married Nancy Ames. He was a farmer and lived in Chesterfield Society. He died 20 June, 1850. She died 17 Feb., 1865, age 78.

Children.

- 156. Emily, b. ; m. Henry Chappell.
- 157. Mary Ann, b. ; m. Ezra M. Whaley.
- 158. Lucy, b. ; m. George Dart.
- 159. Nancy, b. ; m. Levi Keeney.
- 160. Alfred, b. ; m.

VI. GEORGE (135), b. in 1818, son of Daniel Chapel and Nancy Richards; m. 15 Oct., 1849, Mercy Davenport, daughter of William and Eleanor Green. He was a farmer, and lived on the farm occupied by his father. He died in 1892. She died in 1894.

#### Children.

- 161. Harriet L., b. 30 Aug., 1850; m. Giles Gurley.
- 162. William D., b. 9 March, 1855; living in 1896, unm.
- 163. Roland G., b. 6 Sept., 1859; m. Ella Norbury.
- 164. Frank R., b. 10 April, 1862; m. Sadia Scott.

VI. GODDARD MARTENAS (139), b. 31 Jan., 1785, son of William Chapel and Eunice Maples; married Rebecca Williams, daughter of Daniel Williams and ——— Caulkins. He died at Montville 7 Jan., 1863. She died 21 Dec., 1850.

#### Children.

- 165. Mary E., b. 11 Feb., 1813; living in 1896, unm.
- 166. Harriet, b. 28 Aug., 1815; m. Daniel Wilcox.
- 167. Frank W., b. about 1817; m. Eunice Davis. Died 24 Jan., 1856.
- 168. Martha, b. about 1820; m. Elijah Fenton.
- 169. Robert, b. 24 June, 1824; m. Mary Jane Chappell.
- 170. Jeremiah, b. about 1826; m.

VI. DANIEL (152), b. about 1811, son of Jedediah Chapel and Hester Ames; married Mary Whipple, daughter of Daniel Whipple. He was a farmer and lived in Chesterfield Society. He died 8 Dec., 1847. She died 12 March, 1856, age 37.

#### Children.

- 171. Leander D., b. 26 March, 1842; m. Sybil Hill.
- 172. Samuel, b.
- 173. Lydia, b.
- 174. Moses, b.







## HAUGHTON FAMILIES.

Richard Haughton first appears at New London in July, 1651, having about that time supposed to have come from Salem, Mass., and located at New London. He was probably a son of Rev. Henry Haughton, who was an elder of the church in Salem, and died there in 1629. Richard Haughton received a grant of land from Uncas, the Mohegan Sachem, August 19, 1658. This land was located at Massapeag, and lay on both sides of the cove, afterwards called "Haughtons Cove." A portion of this land was subsequently occupied by his descendants, on which Sampson Haughton built a mansion house, which became noted in after years as "Haughton Tavern."

Richard Haughton appears to have been married previous to his removal to New London, and his three sons, Robert, Joseph, and John, were children by his first, unknown wife, born previous to 1640.

The wife that accompanied him to New London was Katherine, formerly the wife of Nicholas Charlot, whom he had lately married, she having two daughters by her former husband. The children of Mr. Haughton by his last wife were Sampson, James, and three daughters, Abigail, who married Thomas Leach; Katherine, married John Butler, and Mercy, married Samuel Bill; Benoni, married Mary Truman. Katherine, wife of Richard Haughton, died 9 August, 1670. He afterwards married Alice ———, who survived him, and became the wife of Daniel Crombe of Westerly. He died at New London in 1682.

II. SAMPSON HAUGHTON, son of Richard, was twice married, the name of his first wife has not been recovered. He married, for his second wife, Sarah Pomberton,



HALGHTON TAVERN.

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23 July, 1719. He settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, on land which he purchased of Godfrey Malbone of Newport, being a part of the grant to his father, the same having been previously sold by the heirs of Richard Haughton. On this land he lived until his death, 26 Feb., 1756.

Children by First Wife.

3. Abigail, b. , 1687; m. John Wickwire.
4. Sampson, b. 29 May, 1692; m. Hannah Bailey.
5. Ebenezer, b. 28 July, 1699.
6. Christopher, b. 23 Feb., 1702-3.
7. Mercy, b. 23 July, 1704.
8. Jerusha, b. 4 Jan., 1706-7.
9. Katherine, b. 19 March, 1711.

Children by Sarah.

11. Sarah, b. 19 July, 1721.
12. Lebeus, b. 11 March, 1724; m.

SAMPSON (4), b. 29 May, 1692, son of Sampson Haughton and mother unknown; married Hannah Bailey. He was a resident of the North Parish of New London, a farmer. He died 24 Feb., 1761.

Children.

13. James, b. 29 April, 1719; m. Deborah Bailey.
14. John, b.
15. Samuel, b.
16. Elizabeth, b. ; m. William Fish.
17. Lucy, b. ; m. Joseph Otis.
18. Margaret, b. ; m. Miller Fish.
19. Mary, b. ; m. Jonathan Gardner.

JAMES (13), b. 29 April, 1719, son of Sampson Haughton and Hannah Bailey; m. 4 Jan., 1748, Deborah Bailey, daughter of Obediah Bailey and Elizabeth Williams. He lived on the old Haughton homestead in Montville. His wife, Deborah, died 15 Aug., 1767. He then married 28 April,

1768, Philena Whiting, daughter of Col. John. She died 12 April, 1781. He then married, for his third wife, Ruth Adgate, widow of Thomas Adgate, and probably daughter of John Leffingwell and Mary Hart.

#### Children by Deborah.

- 20. Sarah, b. 14 April, 1750.
- 21. Lebeus, b. 14 Aug., 1752.
- 22. James, b. 9 April, 1756.
- 23. George, b. 7 June, 1758.
- 24. Elizaboth, b. 12 Feb., 1761.

#### Children by Philena.

- 25. William Whiting, b. 28 Jan., 1769; died 28 Jan., 1774.
- 26. Charles, b. 6 April, 1770; died 26 Nov., 1773.
- 27. William Whiting, b. 12 Jan., 1774; m. Olive Chester.
- 28. Charles, b. 18 Aug., 1775.
- 29. Philena, b. 19 Dec., 1776; m. William P. Whaley.

WILLIAM WHITING (27), b. 12 Jan., 1774, son of James Haughton and Philena Whiting; married 23 Nov., 1796, Olive Chester, b. 12 March, 1777, daughter of Dea. Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Otis. He settled at Montville, lived on the old Haughton homestead. He kept a tavern and house of public entertainment. During the War of 1812, while the war-ships were anchored in the Thames River, the officers of the ships would often visit the tavern, and indulged in various social recreations. Mr. Haughton had a large chamber fitted up for dancing parties and social entertainments. Much of the public business of the town was transacted here. The train-band annually met at this place for drill.

#### Children.

- 30. John Whiting, b. 28 Aug., 1797; m. Clarissa Fitch.
- 31. Richard, b. 13 Oct., 1799.
- 32. Frederick William Augustus, b. 28 Jan., 1801.

## LESTER FAMILIES.

Andrew Lester first appears at Gloucester, Mass., where he was licensed to keep a house of entertainment by the county court 26 Feb., 1648-9. The births of four children are recorded at Gloucester. He removed to New London in 1651, was constable and collector in 1668.

His wife, Barbara, died 2 Feb., 1653-4, and is the first death of a woman on record at New London. His second wife was Joanna, probably daughter of Isaac Willey and widow of Robert Hemstead. She died previous to 1660 without issue. Andrew Lester married, for his third wife, Anna ———. He died 7 June, 1669, and his widow married Isaac Willey. She died in 1692.

### Children by Barbara.

2. Daniel, b. 15 April, 1642; m., moved to Bolton, Conn.
3. Andrew, b. 26 Dec., 1644; m. Lydia Bailey.
4. Mary, b. 26 Dec., 1647; m. Samuel Fox.
5. Anna, b. 21 March, 1651; m. Thomas Way.

### Children by Anna.

6. Timothy, b. 4 July, 1662.
7. Joseph, b. 15 June, 1664.
8. Benjamin, b. about 1666; m. Ann Stedman.

II. BENJAMIN (8), b. about 1666, son of Andrew Lester and Anna ———; married Ann Stedman, daughter of Thomas Stedman and Hannah Isbell. He was an inhabitant of New London, where he died in 1737. She died 27 Jan., 1711, "after living with her husband twenty-two years, and left nine sons and two daughters." Only six children are found recorded in New London.

## Children.

9. Timothy, b. 22 June, 1695; m. Abigail Willoughby.
10. John, b. 3 Jan., 1696.
11. Ann, b. 28 Dec., 1698.
12. Benjamin, b. 15 Sept., 1700.
13. Isaac, b. 17 May, 1702.
14. Jonathan, b. 28 July, 1706.

TIMOTHY (9), b. 22 June, 1695, son of Benjamin Lester and Ann Stedman; married Abigail Willoughby, 31 Aug., 1719. The name of three sons only are to be found as the children of Timothy Lester: 15, Timothy; 16, William, and Nehemiah. He died previous to 1750.

III. TIMOTHY, JR. (15), married 13 June, 1751, Mary Jones, daughter of Ephraim Jones of New London. She died 15 June, 1755. He married 2d, Zuviah Lester, daughter of Benjamin.

## Children by Mary.

17. William, b. 16 April, 1752.
18. Mary, b. 20 May, 1755; died 24 Nov., 1755.

## Children by Zuviah.

19. Levi, b. 10 Aug., 1757; m., name not recovered.
20. Timothy, b. 7 Aug., 1759.
21. Zuviah, twin to Timothy.
22. Mary, b. 3 Sept., 1763.
23. Hannah, b. 28 Dec., 1767; died 7 Nov., 1770.

LEVI (19), b. 10 Aug., 1757, son of Timothy Lester and Zuviah Lester; married 1st, ————. The name of his first wife has not been recovered. He married for his second wife Eunice Comstock, 8 May, 1825. She was probably a widow. His first wife died in 1824 at the old Lester house, and buried in the old Fargo burying-ground; from this fact her maiden name may have been Fargo. Mr. Lester

was, in the early part of his life, engaged in the milling business. In 1785 he bought a gristmill of Thomas Bishop on "Roaring Brook," so called, which emptied into Alewife Brook. This gristmill was run by Mr. Lester for several years; he then sold out, and bought another gristmill at Uncasville. This he sold to Peter and Henry A. Richards in 1823. He was lame, one leg being much shorter than the other, having been crushed and broken by a mill-stone falling upon him. He lived several years after the accident. He died 2 Feb., 1835.

#### Children.

- 24. Daniels, b. about 1784; m. Lucretia (Brown) Brown.
- 25. Benjamin, b. about 1786; m. Amy Fargo.
- 26. Ezekiel, b.
- 27. Lydia, b. ; m. Jesse Ross.
- 28. Fanny, b. ; died Sept., 1834.

DANIELS (24), b. about 1784, son of Levi Lester and ———; married 30 March, 1806, Lucretia Brown, widow of Robert Brown, and daughter of John Brown and Amy ———. He was a carpenter, wheelwright, and machinist. At one time he carried on the machine business at Scholfield's mill. About the year 1835 he removed to Uncasville, built a house and shop. He died here 10 Aug., 1856. He was a man of very large proportions, weighing over 250 pounds.

#### Children.

- 29. Lucretia, b. ; m. Elijah Fargo.
- 30. Daniel, b. ; m. Hannah H. Beebe.
- 31. Mary, b. ; m. Charles Comstock, 1st wife.
- 32. Lydia, b. ; m. Charles Comstock, 2d wife.
- 33. John, b. ; m. Ursula Hamilton.
- 34. Eliza, b. ; m. Gurdon W. Hamilton, 1st wife.
- 35. Fanny, b. ; m. Dudley B. Williams, 1st wife.

BENJAMIN (25), b. about 1786, son of Levi Lester and ———; married in 1817, Amy Fargo, daughter of Stanton



Fargo and Fanny Comstock. He was a blacksmith; lived at the old homestead in Palmertown, formerly the "Elder Reuben Palmer House," and sold by Elder Palmer to Levi Lester. After his death his widow removed to the state of New York, where she died.

Children.

36. Levi, b. 31 Oct., 1818; m. Electa Church.
37. Lyman, b.
38. Louisa, b.
39. Martha, b.
40. Giles, b.
41. Orrin, b.
42. Isaac, b.
43. James, b.
44. Benajah, b.
45. Sarah, b.
46. Emily, b.

## BAILEY FAMILIES.

Thomas Bailey, born about 1616, son of William Bailey and Mary ———; came to New London in 1651; married 10 Jan., 1655, Lydia, daughter of James Redfield. The same month a grant was made to him by the townsmen of New London, "with the advice and consent of Mr. Winthrop," of a lot lying north of Mr. Winthrop's land upon the east side of the river, upon which he settled.

William Bailey came from England in the brig "Prosperous" to Virginia in 1620, aged 41 years. Mary, his wife, came in the "George" in 1621, aged 34 years, with her son, Thomas, aged 4 years. William Bailey was an owner of land in Virginia in 1626. Nicholas Bailey, a brother, arrived in the "Jonathan" in 1620, and Amy, his wife, in the "Marmaduke" in 1621.

THOMAS BAILEY died in 1675 at New London, now Groton. His widow afterwards married, in 1676, William Thorne of Dorsetshire, England.

### Children.

2. Mary, b. 14 Feb., 1656; m. Andrew Davis.
3. Thomas, b. 5 March, 1659.
4. John, b. April, 1661; m. Elizabeth ———.
5. William, b. 17 April, 1664.
6. James, b. 26 Sept., 1666.
7. Joseph, b. about 1668.
8. Lydia, b. about 1670; m. Andrew Lester, Jr.

II. JOHN (4), b. April, 1661, son of Thomas Bailey and Lydia Redfield; m. Elizabeth ———. His will was dated 1727; he probably died about that time.

## Children.

9. Elizabeth, b.
10. Experience, b.
11. Hannah, b. ; m. Sampson Haughton.
12. Dorothy, b.
13. John, b. about 1690; m. Elizabeth Mather.
14. James, b.
15. Deborah, b.
16. Obediah, b. ; m. Elizabeth Williams.
17. Joseph, b.

III. JOHN (13), b. about 1690, son of John Bailey and Elizabeth ———; married Dec., 1713, Elizabeth Mather.

## Children.

18. Elizabeth, b. about 1715.
19. Priscilla, b. about 1717.
20. John, b. 17 Oct., 1722; m. Anna ———.

III. OBEDIAH (16), b. , son of John Bailey and Elizabeth ———; married 10 July, 1718, Elizabeth Williams.

## Children.

21. Temperance, b. 20 July, 1719.
22. Elizabeth, b. 27 Sept., 1722.
23. Deborah, b. 24 Sept., 1724; m. James Haughton.
24. Obediah, b. 24 Sept., 1728; m. Asubah Rogers.
25. Experience, b. about 1734.
26. Jesse, b. about 1736.
27. Micah, b. about 1739.
28. Rhoda, twin to Micah.

IV. OBEDIAH (24), b. 24 Sept., 1728, son of Obediah Bailey and Elizabeth Williams; married 9 Dec., 1747, Asubah Rogers, daughter of Jonathan Rogers and Elizabeth Pemberton. He died in 1780. She died at Whitetown, New York.

Children.

29. Jabez, b. 3 Sept., 1748.
30. Obediah, b. 12 Aug., 1750; m. Esther Williams.
31. Simeon, b. 17 Jan., 1754.
32. Temperance, b. 18 Feb., 1756.
33. Asubah, b. 1 Feb., 1758.
34. Elizabeth, b. 19 Sept., 1760.
35. Dorothy, b. 1 March, 1763; died Jan., 1796, unm.
36. Micah, b. 19 June, 1765.
37. Rhoda, b. 23 Jan., 1768.
38. Vine, b. 15 Nov., 1771.

V. OBEDIAH (30), b. 12 Aug., 1750, son of Obediah Bailey and Asubah Rogers; married 24 Nov., 1774, Esther Williams, b. 16 Jan., 1746. She died 10 Jan., 1833. He died 27 Aug., 1843.

Children.

39. Giles, b. 8 Sept., 1775; died 2 Sept., 1798, unm.
40. Amos, b. 26 Jan., 1777; m. Prudie Geer.
41. Eliphalet, b. 3 Aug., 1778; died 7 March, 1782.
42. Frederick, b. 29 Feb., 1780; m. 1st, Mary Withee; 2d, Lucinda Morgan, 4 June, 1829, died 13 Sept., 1851.
43. Esther, b. 13 May, 1782; m. William Latham, died 17 Nov., 1843.
44. Sally, b. 21 Feb., 1784; m. Simeon Morgan, 25 Dec., 1811, died 28 Jan., 1862.
45. Lodowick, b. 14 Sept., 1785; m. Hannah Avery.
46. Mary, b. 25 May, 1788; died 1881, unm.
47. Isaac, b. 23 Oct., 1790; m. Hannah Lester, died 5 July, 1849.
48. Eliphalet, b. 7 March, 1792.

V. SIMEON (31), b. 17 Jan., 1754, son of Obediah Bailey and Asubah Rogers; married 1 March, 1780, Esther Woodmansee, daughter of John, b. 4 May, 1759. He died at Norfolk, Va., 29 Oct., 1800. His widow then married Amos Allyn 10 Feb., 1805. She died 24 April, 1837.

## Children.

- 49. Simeon, b. 17 Sept., 1781; m. Margaret Allyn.
- 50. Robinson, b. 26 Sept., 1784; m. Lucy Johnson.
- 51. Fanny, b. 31 Oct.; 1791; m. William Chapman.

VI. SIMEON (49), b. 17 Sept., 1781, son of Simeon Bailey and Esther Woodmansee; married 7 Oct., 1803, Margaret Allyn, daughter of Amos Allyn. He died 23 Sept., 1846. She died 12 March, 1864, age 80.

## Children.

- 52. Simeon A., b. 23 Aug., 1807; m. Emeline Latham, 24 April, 1838.
- 53. Francina, b. 19 Feb., 1812; m. Russel Perkins, 13 Mch., 1828.
- 54. Pauline, b. 19 Aug., 1814; m. Levi Perkins, 18 Apr., 1837.

VI. ROBINSON (50), b. 26 Sept., 1784, son of Simeon Bailey and Esther Woodmansee; married 6 March, 1806, Lucy Johnson, b. 13 Jan., 1785, daughter of George A. Johnson of Welthea Green. Settled in Groton; a farmer. He died 24 July, 1853. She died 18 July, 1876.

## Children.

- 55. Robinson Johnson, b. 19 Dec., 1807; died 30 April, 1834.
- 56. Lucy Ann, b. 24 May, 1809; m. Dudley Brown.
- 57. Rosetta Jane, b. 16 Aug., 1811; m. Joseph B. Stone.
- 58. Henry Egbert, b. 25 July, 1813; m. Hannah T. Stoddard.
- 59. George Anson, b. 26 Aug., 1815; m. Mary Ann Stoddard.
- 60. Eveline Belmont, b. 16 Apr., 1818; m. Dudley Brand. She was drowned at sea 25 Sept., 1847.
- 61. Horatio Nelson, b. 26 March, 1820; died in San Francisco, Cal.
- 62. Almy Angel Lester, b. 4 Aug., 1822; m. George W. Payne.
- 63. Cynthia, b. 28 Jan., 1825; died 24 Dec., 1826.

VII. SIMEON ALLYN (52), b. 23 Aug., 1807, son of Simeon Bailey and Margaret Allyn; married 24 April, 1838, Emeline Latham. She died . He then married Esther Alexander.

Children by Emeline.

- 64. Latham A., b. 23 Feb., 1839; died unm.
- 65. Elizabeth C., b. 11 Mch., 1844.
- 66. Simeon, b. 4 June, 1848.
- 67. Mary Emeline, b. 11 Aug., 1852.

Child by Esther.

- 68. Jennie Maria, b. 26 Sept., 1880.

VII. HENRY EGBERT (58), b. 25 July, 1813, son of Robinson Bailey and Lucy Johnson; married Hannah T. Stoddard, 28 Oct., 1838. She died 13 Dec., 1887. They had only one child.

- 69. William Johnson, b. 25 July, 1843; m. Belle Barton.

## ADGATE FAMILIES.

The name of Adgate is first found at Saybrook, where the following record, with a registry of lands and the name of Thomas Adgate as being present at a town meeting in 1655 are the chief evidences of his appearance there. It is not known where he came from, or when he came, nor whether alone or with a wife and children.

Thomas Adgate next appears at Norwich among its first proprietors in 1660. He was a deacon of Mr. Fitch's church, but at what period chosen the records do not show. He appears to have been twice married. The death of the first wife and his marriage with the second are not recorded. His second wife was Mary, daughter of Mathew Marvin, and widow of Richard Bushnell.

His will, dated May 22, 1704, commences, "I, Thomas Adgate, being in the 84th year of my age." He died July 21, 1707. His wife, Mary, died March 29, 1713.

### Children by Probable First Wife.

2. Elizabeth, b. 10 Oct., 1651; m. Richard Bushnell, Jr.
3. Hannah, b. 6 Oct., 1653; m. Samuel Lathrop.

### Children by Mary.

4. Abigail, b. Aug., 1661; m. Daniel Tracy, 19 Sept., 1682.
5. Sarah, b. Jan., 1663-4; m. Christopher Huntington, 26 May, 1681.
6. Rebecca, b. June, 1666; m. Joseph Huntington, 28 Nov., 1687.
7. Thomas, b. Mch., 1669-70; m. Ruth Brewster.

II. THOMAS (7), b. March, 1669, son of Thomas Adgate and Mary (Marvin) Bushnell; married 15 June, 1692, Ruth Brewster, daughter of Benjamin Brewster and Anna Dart of Norwich. She died 22 Aug., 1734. He then married for second wife Elizabeth Starr, 20 Sept., 1749.

Children by Ruth.

8. Ruth, b. 27 March, 1693; m. Thomas Avery.
9. Mary, b. 27 Aug., 1694.
10. Rebecca, b. 10 March, 1696-7.
11. Hannah, b. 10 Aug., 1699.
12. Thomas, b. 9 Feb., 1702-3; m. Ruth Leffingwell.
13. Mathew, b. 21 July, 1706; m. Hannah Hyde.
14. Martha, b. 9 Oct., 1710.
15. Lucy, b. 13 Oct., 1714; died 9 Jan., 1717-18.

III. THOMAS (12), b. 9 Feb., 1702-3, son of Thomas Adgate and Ruth Brewster; married Ruth Leffingwell, 25 June, 1753. He died previous to 1782, and his widow married 6 June, 1782, James Haughton.

Children.

16. Thomas, b. 20 March, 1755.
17. Philip, b. 30 Dec., 1757.
18. John Hart, b. 30 Sept., 1759; m. Sarah Fitch.
19. Anna, b. about 1762; died about 1800, unm.
20. Asahel, b. 21 Sept., 1767; m. Sarah Avery.

JOHN HART (18), b. 30 Sept., 1759, son of Thomas Adgate and Ruth Leffingwell; married 10 Oct., 1782, Sarah Fitch, daughter of Squire Joseph Fitch and Sarah Gardner. He settled at Montville near the Mohegan reservation, his land adjoining the "Fort Hill Farm" on the east, and that of Esquire Joseph Fitch on the south. He died 23 April, 1809.

Children.

21. Sarah, b. 17 June, 1784.
22. Belinda, b. 13 March, 1786.



23. Caroline, b. 11 April, 1788.
24. John Hart, Jr., b. 1 Dec., 1790.
25. Anna, b. 5 March, 1793.
26. James Fitch, b. 29 June, 1795.

ASAHEL (20), b. 21 Sept., 1767, son of Thomas Adgate and Ruth Leffingwell; married Sarah Avery, b. 26 Sept., 1769, daughter of Thomas Avery and Ruth. He settled at Montville, and died 5 Sept., 1851. She died 28 July, 1821.

#### Children.

27. Thomas Avery, b. 24 Jan., 1791; m. Lois Perkins 11 March, 1835. He died 8 March, 1875. She was living at Gales Ferry in 1890.
28. Mary Hart, b. 31 May, 1794; m. Jedediah Willet.
29. Anna, b. 22 Oct., 1796.
30. Ruth L., b. 15 June, 1798.
31. Sarah M., twin to Ruth L.; m. Marvin Baker.
32. Caroline L., b. 25 June, 1810; m. George Bradford.

## WHALEY FAMILIES.

Alexander Whaley and James Whaley were brothers and first appear in the North Parish of New London in the early part of the 18th century. Alexander was a blacksmith, owned a small farm located a little east of the Congregational church, and was conveyed by deed of gift to his son, Jonathan, in 1796. This place was afterwards occupied by Capt. John Russel Comstock, who married a daughter of Jonathan Whaley. Alexander Whaley was married to Elizabeth Shaw in 1737. He was born 25 Dec., 1713, and died 25 Dec., 1799.

### Children.

2. Margaret, b. 5 Feb., 1739; died 16 May, 1816.
3. Mary, b. 1744; m. ——— Rollins, and died 20 Dec., 1798.
4. Alexander, b. ; moved to the state of New York.
5. David, b. 4 April, 1749; m. Ann L. Leffingwell.
6. Elizabeth, b. 23 May, 1751; m. Hezekiah Matteson.
7. Samuel, b. 2 Jan., 1754; m. Olive Darrow.
8. Jonathan, b. 26 March, 1759; m. Mercy Chester.
9. Sarah, b. 30 Jan., 1763; m. Ebenezer Beebe.

DAVID (5), b. 4 April, 1749, son of Alexander Whaley and Elizabeth Shaw; married Ann Lathrop Leffingwell, daughter of Caleb Leffingwell. He was a farmer and settled in Montville, Leffingwell Society, where he owned the farm afterwards occupied by Eliphalet Parker. He died 26 Aug., 1831. He had son, Levi, b. 1788; married in 1810, Lorinda Gardner, b. 15 June, 1790, daughter of Lemuel Gardner and Jemima Lathrop, and had children, 1st, Levi Gardner, b. 30 May, 1811; married Wealtha Davis; 2d, Charles Lathrop, b. 29 Jan., 1813; married Emma Smith; 3d, David Chauncey,

b. 28 March, 1815; married Frances Gardner; 4th, Theodore Dwight, b. 4 Feb., 1817; married Jane Maynard; 5th, Mary Anna, b. 22 Aug., 1818; married Henry Fanning; 6th, Jane Maria, b. 17 Dec., 1819; married Jacob Johns.

II. SAMUEL (7), b. 2 Jan., 1754, son of Alexander Whaley and Elizabeth Shaw; married Olive Darrow, daughter of Christopher Darrow and ————. His children were all born in Montville. He was a farmer and lived on the farm afterwards occupied by Hazzard Browning, located on the old Colchester road, and was adjoined on the east by the farm of Dr. Ephraim Fellows. He removed to the state of New York, where he died in 1813.

#### Children.

10. Alexander, b. 1780.
11. Jonathian, b. 1783.
12. Martha, b. 1785.
13. Joshua, b. 1787.
14. Samuel Palmer, b. 1789.
15. Olive, b. 1791.
16. Christopher, b. 1796.
17. Betsey, b. 1799.
18. Justin, b. 1801.

II. JONATHIAN (8), b. 26 March, 1759, son of Alexander Whaley and Elizabeth Shaw; married 17 Oct., 1784, Mercy Chester, daughter of Joseph Chester and Elizabeth Otis. He was a blacksmith and lived on the place conveyed to him by his father. He died there 4 Sept., 1804. His wife then married Elisha Lord of Pomfret, Conn., and died 1 Sept., 1855.

#### Children.

19. Betsey, b. 10 April, 1785; died 13 May, 1787.
20. William P., b. 27 Nov., 1786; m. Philena Haughton.
21. John G., b. 3 Sept., 1789.
22. Sarah C., b. 23 Oct., 1791; m. Capt. John R. Comstock.

23. Betsey, b. 10 March, 1794; died 21 June, 1796.
24. Alfred, b. 15 April, 1797; m. Esther Palmer. He died Oct., 1837, and she then married ——— Chester.

III. WILLIAM P. (20), b. 27 Nov., 1786, son of Jonathan Whaley and Mercy Chester; married 29 Sept., 1811, Philena Haughton, daughter of James Haughton and Philena Whiting, daughter of Col. John Whiting. He was a blacksmith and settled in Montville. He died 22 Feb., 1851. She died 22 May, 1851.

Children.

25. Elizabeth Shaw, b. 4 Feb., 1813; m. Elijah Strong, 22 Nov., 1843. She died 22 Nov., 1870.
26. Joseph William, b. 19 April, 1815; m. Eliza Williams.
27. James Wm. Haughton, b. 25 April, 1818; died in California, unm.
28. Ellen Lord, b. 10 Feb., 1820; m. Alexander Elliott.
29. Mary Philena, b. 7 Sept., 1824; m. Turner Stebbens Darrow.

JAMES WHALEY, the brother of Alexander, came to New London, North Parish, probably about the same time as his brother. He married ——— Goff, probably daughter of William Goff.

Children.

30. Alexander, b.
31. Thomas, b.
32. Jonathan, b.
33. Humphrey, b.
34. James, b. 26 Jan., 1775; m. Waitstill Moore.

JAMES (34), b. 26 Jan., 1775, son of James Whaley and ——— Goff; married Waitstill Moore of Lyme in 1799. He was a farmer and resided in Chesterfield, where he died.

Children.

35. Jonathan, b. 5 Feb., 1801; m. Mary Lester.
36. Ezra Moore, b. 18 Feb., 1808; m. 1st, Mary Ann De Wolf; 2d, Mary Ann Chapel.

- 37. James, b. 12 June, 1811; m. Phebe Harding.
- 38. Henry, b. 12 Sept., 1813; m. Mary Brockway.
- 39. William, b. 30 Jan., 1815; m. Laura Turnor, 18 March, 1848.
- 40. Harris, b. 26 Nov., 1816; m. Jane Burton, March, 1845.
- 41. Waitstill Ingals, b. 25 April, 1821; m. William H. Wheeler, 18 Jan., 1846. She was living at New Haven with her son in 1896.



## CHURCH FAMILIES.

The first of the name who appears to have become a settler in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, was Jonathan Church. Previous to his coming here he was a resident of Colchester.

The first notice of him was his marriage to Abigail Fairbanks, daughter of Samuel Fairbanks and Christian Chapel, 24 Feb., 1724, by Rev. James Hillhouse.

It appears that soon after this union Mr. Church purchased a farm in the vicinity of Uncasville, at a place afterwards called "Pennytown." He must have been a man of some note and respectability, as some of his descendants became noted men in jurisprudence. It is said that the late Sanford Church, chief justice in the state of New York, was a descendant.

Jonathan Church was probably a descendant from Richard, one of the first settlers of Duxbury, Mass., and father of the "great warrior against the Indians," Benjamin Church. Richard Church had another son, Joseph, b. in 1638, and died at Little Compton, R. I., 21 March, 1711. This Joseph was probably the great-grandfather of Jonathan.

The wife of Jonathan Church was a woman of considerable ability and moral character. Her mother was a member of the Hillhouse church.

It is not certainly known how many children they had, only Jonathan, Fairbanks, Joseph, and Pelcg have been recovered. The records concerning this family are sadly deficient. It is only from the land records, inscriptions on gravestones, and tradition that the information secured has been obtained, consequently many of the dates are approximate.

## Children.

2. Jonathan, b. about 1726; m. Mary Angell, 2d wife.
3. Fairbanks, b. about 1728.
4. Joseph, b. about 1730; m.
5. Peleg, b. about 1738; m. Elizabeth Congdon.

II. JONATHAN (2), b. about 1726, son of Jonathan Church and Abigail Fairbanks; married 13 Feb., 1762, Mary Angell. He settled in Montville and lived on the homestead of his father. He died previous to 1800. His widow and her children sold out all their interest in the farm to Levi Lester in 1801, and removed to the state of New York. He appears to have been previously married and his daughter, Amy, sons Roswell and James, were children by a former wife.

## Children.

6. Jonathan, b. ; m.
7. James, b.
8. David, b.
9. Abel, b.
10. Roswell, b.
11. Joshua, b.
12. William, b.
13. Amy, b. 1 April, 1754; m. James Comstock.
14. Lydia, b.

II. JOSEPH (4), b. about 1730, son of Jonathan Church and Abigail Fairbanks; married ——— (the name of his wife is not to be found). He owned a piece of land in the vicinity of Uncasville, one acre of which, with a mansion house thereon, he sold to Peleg Church 4 Jan., 1764. The old house is now owned by John B. Lathrop. He probably had other children than the two named.

## Children.

15. Joseph, b. about 1755; m. Priscilla Monroe.
16. Amos, b. about 1765; m. Lydia Utley.



II. PELEG (5), b. about 1738, son of Jonathan Church and Abigail Fairbanks; married Elizabeth Congdon, daughter of Jeremiah Congdon and Ann Chapel. He was a blacksmith, and first started a shop on the land he bought of Joseph Church in 1764. He afterwards moved on to the Fort Hill Farm at Mohegan, where he is said to have lived thirty years. He owned in 1788, as is shown by the tax-list, thirty-five head of cattle, five horses, and one hundred and fifty sheep. He died previous to 1805.

Children.

17. Elizabeth, b.
18. Peleg, b. about 1766; m. Mary Leach.
19. Sanford, b. about 1768; m. Sarah Monroe.
20. John, b. about 1770; m. Sarah Leach.

III. JOSEPH (15), b. about 1755, son of Joseph Church and ————; married Priscilla Monroe. He lived at Mohegan, near the farm occupied by Samuel Atwell. He died 3 Dec., 1842. She died 22 March, 1849, age 84.

Children.

21. Joseph, b. 28 Oct., 1781; m. Mary Comstock. He was drowned near Gales Ferry. Having crossed the river with Mr. Daniel Comstock to get a scythe, on returning fell overboard.
22. Hezekiah, b. about 1783; m. Nancy Fitch, and had Abby, Joseph, Almira, Angeline, Albert, and Lucy, b. Aug., 1830, died young.
23. Abby, b. about 1786; m. William Ray, 2d wife.
24. Pardy, b. about 1789; died unm.
25. Daniel, b. 17 Nov., 1791; m. Ann Hurlbut, and had daughter, Caroline, b. June, 1815; m. Henry F. Church, son of Erastus, had one son, Albert F., b. 25 Dec., 1841; m. Abby Jane Havens, daughter of Charles Havens.
26. Samuel, twin to Daniel; m. Dorcas Hazzard.
27. Susan, twin to Daniel and Samuel, died from eating poisonous roots.

III. AMOS (16), b. about 1765, son of Joseph Church and ————; married Lydia Utley. He was a farmer, lived near the river below Comstock's Wharf. He died 24 May, 1846, age 81. She died 7 June, 1851, age 83.

#### Children.

- 28. Pruanna, b. 11 Dec., 1788; m. Elisha Comstock.
- 29. Prentice, b. 9 Jan., 1790; m. Prudence Fargo.
- 30. Simeon, b. about 1792; m. Almira Fargo.
- 31. George, b. about 1794; m. Hester Chapel.
- 32. Tracy, b. about 1797; m. Hannah Clark.
- 33. Seth G., b. , 1803; m. Lucy Whiting Brown.

III. PELEG, JR. (18), b. about 1766, son of Peleg Church and Elizabeth Congdon; married Mary Leach, daughter of John Leach and Mary ————. A farmer, lived at Mohegan. The record of neither husband's nor wife's death can be found.

#### Children.

- 34. Erastus, b. 6 April, 1792; m. 1st, Nancy Ford; 2d, Fitcha (Comstock) Church.
- 35. Peleg, b. about 1793; m. Jane Harrington, had children, Jeremiah, Austin, and Lydia; m. 1st, William Dodge; 2d, Alpheus Mosier.
- 36. Henry, b. about 1795; m. Parthena Bradford.
- 37. Nancy, b. about 1796; m. Ebenezer Story.
- 38. Maria, b. about 1798; m. Joshua Rogers.
- 39. James B., b. ; m. Julia O'Brien.
- 40. Lydia, b. ; m. Joseph Fuller, 1830.
- 41. Eliza, b. 2 April, 1800; m. John Manwaring.
- 42. Harriot, b. ; m. Samuel H. Atwell.
- 43. William L., b. ; m. Harriet Lucas.
- 44. Abby, b. ; m. George F. Dolbeare.

III. SANFORD (19), b. about 1768, son of Peleg Church and Elizabeth Congdon; married Sarah Monroe, sister to Priscilla, who married Joseph Church. It is said they were cousins to the president, James Monroe. He was a farmer, lived at Mohegan.

## Children.

- 45. Jeremiah, b. ; died unm.
- 46. Joshua C., b. ; m. ——— Cooper.
- 47. Richard, b. 23 May, 1812; m. 1st, Parthena Augusta Champlin; 2d, Nancy Story.

III. JOHN (20), b. about 1770, son of Peleg Church and Elizabeth Congdon; married Sarah Leach, sister to Peleg's wife. He was a farmer, lived at Mohegan. He died in 1854. She died 16 Oct., 1870, aged 94.

## Children.

- 48. John, b. ; died unm.
- 49. Sarah, b. about ; died in 1894.
- 50. Jane, b. about 1810; died 15 Feb., 1881, unm.
- 51. George, b. ; m. Maria Fargo.
- 52. Julia, b. ; died unm.

SAMUEL (26), b. 17 Nov., 1791, son of Joseph Church and Priscilla Monroe; married Dorcas Hazzard. He was a farmer, lived . He died 18 Jan., 1856.

## Children.

- 53. Eunice, b. ; m. John Strange.
- 54. Amanda, b. ; m. Josephus Brown, 2d wife.
- 55. Clarissa, b.
- 56. Harriet, b.
- 57. Joseph, b.
- 58. Melissa, b.
- 59. Henry, b.
- 60. Bryon, b.
- 61. Ann, b.

IV. PRENTICE (29), b. 9 Jan., 1790, son of Amos Church and Lydia Utley; married Prudence Fargo, daughter of Stanton Fargo and Fanny Comstock. He was a farmer, lived in the vicinity of Uncasville. He died 12 Nov., 1849.

## Children.

- 62. Isaac, b. ; m. Mary Ann Perkins.
- 63. Lydia, b. ; m. Archabal March.
- 64. Elisha P., b. May, 1818; m. Mary Rogers, and had 1st, Ellen, m. Lewis Perkins; 2d, Susan, m. Walter Armstrong; 3d, Adeline, m. Edwin Thomas; 4th, Kate, m. Austin Perkins; 5th, Georgeanna, m. Charles Fitch.
- 65. Simeon, b. ; m. 1st, Jane Lamb; 2d, Eliza O'Brien.
- 66. Pruanna, b. ; m. William Jerome.
- 67. William, b. ; m. Hannah O'Brien.
- 68. Adelade, b. ; died young.

IV. GEORGE (31), b. about 1794, son of Amos Church and Lydia Utley; married Hester Chapel, daughter of Guy Chapel and Delight Swaddle. He settled at Waterford (Quaker Hill). A farmer and fisherman. He died 27 March, 1871.

## Children.

- 69. John, b. April, 1816; m. Desire Chapman.
- 70. James, b. Feb., 1817; unm.
- 71. Mary Ann, b. April, 1818; m. Samuel Williams.
- 72. Richard, b. Feb., 1820; m. Cordelia Chapel.
- 73. Louisa, b. Nov., 1824.
- 74. Elizabeth, b. twin to Louisa; m. John Jackson.
- 75. Hannah, b. Feb., 1826; m. Emanuel Enos.
- 76. Lucy, b. Oct., 1827; died young.
- 77. Wm. Winthrop, b. June, 1828; m. Sophia Chapman.
- 78. Benjamin, b. Feb., 1832.
- 79. Emeline, b. Feb., 1836; m. James Beebe.

IV. TRACY (32), b. about 1797, son of Amos Church and Lydia Utley; married Hannah Clark. He settled in Montville, near Uncasville, a farmer.

## Children.

- 80. Henry, b.
- 81. Amos, b. ; m. Mary Chappell.

IV. SETH G. (33), b. about 1803, son of Amos Church and Lydia Utley; married, 6 Jan., 1823, Lucy Whiting Brown, daughter of Robert Brown and Lucretia Brown. This Lucretia Brown was a sister of John Brown, who married Lucretia Fargo. Mr. Church was a farmer, lived near Uncasville. He died 23 July, 1838. His widow then married Dudley B. Williams. She was living with her daughter, Mrs. George W. Avery, in 1896.

#### Children.

- 82. Lyman, b. 20 March, 1823; m. Mary Peckham.
- 83. Norman Brown, b. 3 Aug., 1826; m. Mary Ames.
- 84. Edwin W., b. 11 Nov., 1827; m. Sarah Rogers.
- 85. Harriet A., b. 3 March, 1829; m. 1st, Gurdon H. Homiston, 2d wife; 2d, George W. Avery.
- 86. Huldah M., b. 16 Sept., 1836; m. Charles E. Rogers.

IV. ERASTUS (34), b. 6 April, 1792; son of Peleg Church and Mary Leach; married 1st, Nancy Ford, daughter of John Ford. He was a farmer, lived at Uncasville. After the death of his first wife he married Fitcha (Comstock) Church, b. about 1790, widow of George W. Church, and daughter of Ebenezer Comstock. She died 27 Dec., 1860. He died 9 June, 1880.

#### Children by Nancy.

- 87. Mary, b. 2 Nov., 1812; m. ——— Carpenter.
- 88. Henry F., b. 5 June, 1814; m. Caroline Church.
- 89. Elisha R., b. 2 April, 1816; m. 1st, Augusta O'Brien; 2d, Melissa Williams.
- 90. Almira, b. 23 April, 1821; died 24 Sept., 1822.
- 91. Emeline, b. 20 Sept., 1822; m. 1st, George Cranston; 2d, ——— White.
- 92. Louisa, b. 16 Jan., 1824; m. Nathan C. Chappell.
- 93. Nancy, b. 20 Dec., 1826; m. Thomas Nye.

## Children by Fitcha.

- 94. Erastus, b. April, 1834; m. Hellen Sawyer.
- 95. Charles E., b. 14 Feb., 1837; m. Isabell U. Boobe.
- 96. Nicholas W., b. 24 May, 1839; m. 1st, Ellen Congdon; 2d, Juliet Maynard. Had children, 1st, Nelson, 2d, Clarence, 3d, Julian, 4th, Fanny, 5th, Abby.

## Children of Fitcha by First Husband, George W. Church.

- 97. Mary Ann, b. 21 Dec., 1815; m. ——— Potter.
- 98. James L., b. 1 Jan., 1819; m. Anstris Sweet.
- 99. George W., b.
- 100. Electa, b. 20 Aug., 1821; m. 1st, John Chapman; 2d, Levi Lester.
- 101. Dudley, b. ; died young.

IV. HARRY (36), b. about 1795, son of Peleg Church and Mary Leach; married, Jan., 1816, Parthena Bradford, daughter of William Bradford and Parthena Bradford. He was a farmer, lived at Mohegan.

## Children.

- 102. Perez, b. ; m. Jane Parke.
- 103. Frank, b. ; m. Sally O'Brien.
- 104. Betsa, b. ; m. Eleazer Waterman.

V. NORMAN BROWN (83), b. 3 Aug., 1826, son of Seth G. Church and Lucy W. Brown; married Mary Ames. He was a very active citizen of the town, holding important town offices. Was selectman, justice of the peace, a representative to the state legislature in 1859. He was president of the Rockland Paper Company, and manager of the business from 1868 to his death, Nov. 1, 1873. He kept a number of horse teams, and did the teaming for mills in Palmertown and Uncasville. He was an active business man, respected and honored by his townsmen. His widow, after his death, married Captain Benjamin Rogers. She was living in 1896, a second widow.

## Children.

- 105. Alice, b. ; m. John B. Lathrop, 1st wife.
- 106. Eva, b. ; m. Maurice Brown.
- 107. Ida, b. ; m. Frank Ladd.
- 108. Addie, b. ; m. John B. Lathrop, 3d wife.
- 109. Grace, b.

## ALLYN FAMILIES.

Robert Allyn, the ancestor of a large and noted family, was of Salem, Mass., in 1637; was there enrolled as a member of the church 15 May, 1642. It is not certainly known when he emigrated to this country or in what part of the old country he came from.

He removed from Salem, Mass., to New London in 1651, and obtained a grant of a large tract of land on the east side of the Thames River, at a place still known as "Allyn's Point," in the town of Ledyard. At the time of his settling here it was a part of New London. He was one of the company who first purchased the town of Norwich, and resided for several years in the western part of the town plot. In 1681 he styles himself of "New Norridge," and held the office of constable in 1669.

In a deed of 1681 he, however, uses this formula: "I, Robert Allyn of New London." In those early settlements it was sometimes difficult to locate the possessions of land, the boundaries of the towns often changed, and sometimes one boundary would overlap another of an adjoining settlement, the same being the case of land purchases. Lines between towns had not been clearly defined at first, and only became established as the population increased and necessity demanded it. Robert Allyn at this late date had relinquished his home in Norwich to his son John, and had removed back to his farm on the river. He died here in 1683, aged about 75 years.

The heirs of his estate were his son John and four daughters: Sarah, who married George Geer; Mary, who married Thomas Park; Hannah, who married Thomas Rose; and Deborah, who afterwards married John Gager, Jr.



II. JOHN ALLYN, son of Robert Allyn, b. about 1640; married 24 Dec., 1668, Elizabeth Gager, daughter of John Gager of "New Norridge." In 1691 he exchanged his homestead and other privileges in Norwich with John Abel and Simeon Huntington for land west of the river, and transferred his residence to the former residence of his father at Allyn's Point. This brought him within the bounds of New London, and his name appears in 1704 as one of the patentees of that town. He died in 1709, leaving an estate of £1,278, to be divided between his only son, Robert, and only daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Waterman. His inventory named three farms and a trading establishment on the Thames River. Among his household effects was a silver tankard, cup, and tumbler, a silver whistle, a gold ring, a wrought cushion, and a lignumvitae mortar and pestle.

III. ROBERT, son of John Allyn and Elizabeth Gager, married 26 Jan., 1691, Deborah Avery.

Children.

2. Elizabeth, b. 25 June, 1692.
3. John, b. 10 Jan., 1695.
4. Robert, b. 25 June, 1697.
5. James, b. 29 Feb., 1699; m. Althea Avery.
6. Ebenezer, twin to James.
7. Christopher, b. 12 April, 1702; died young.
8. Samuel, b. 26 May, 1704.
9. Christopher, b. 21 July, 1706.
10. Lucy, b. 8 Oct., 1708.
11. Natha, b. 9 July, 1715.

IV. JAMES (5), b. 29 Feb., 1699, son of Robert Allyn and Deborah Avery; married Althea Avery, b. in 1704. They both died in 1776.

Children.

12. James, b. 27 July, 1739; m. Anna Stanton.
13. Ephraim, b. 27 July, 1739; m. Temperance Morgan, 15 Nov., 1770. She died 3 Oct., 1798. He then

married 7 Dec., 1800, Rebecca (Morgan) Gallup.

14. Lydia, b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. \_\_\_\_\_ Geer.
15. Althea, b. about 1730; m. Capt. Oliver Spicer.
16. Jerusha, b. \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Elizabeth, b. 1742; m. Isaac Morgan.
18. Sarah, b. 1742; m. Abel Spicer.
19. David, b. \_\_\_\_\_. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

JAMES (12), b. 27 July, 1739, son of James Allyn and Althea Avery; married 15 Dec., 1768, Anna Stanton, b. 22 Jan., 1747. She died 14 April, 1814.

#### Children.

20. James, b. 22 Oct., 1769.
21. Anna, b. 9 Nov., 1771.
22. Joseph, b. 22 Jan., 1774.
23. Althea, b. 6 Aug., 1776.
24. Jabez, b. 12 Jan., 1779.
25. Charles, b. 28 Sept., 1781; m. Lois Gallup.
26. Martha, b. 17 April, 1784.
27. Roswell, b. 11 July, 1789.

CHARLES (25), b. 28 Sept., 1781, son of James Allyn and Anna Stanton; married 9 Feb., 1814, Lois Gallup, b. 17 April, 1791, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ of Groton. He was a farmer, came from Groton and purchased the farm formerly owned by Burrel Thompson on Raymond Hill, Montville. He purchased this farm about \_\_\_\_\_ and moved on to it. He afterwards purchased the Christopher Raymond farm, adjoining his farm on the east, both farms containing about 300 acres. Mr. Allyn and his wife united with the Congregational Church 6 March, 1842. He was honored by his townsmen by being elected to many public offices, a man of sound judgment and strict integrity. He died at Montville 13 May, 1868. She died suddenly on the 28th day of April, 1860.

Children.

28. Louisa, b. 11 May, 1815; m. Judge Robert A. Williams of Salem, Conn.
29. Robert, b. 24 Jan., 1817; m. ————. Settled in the state of Iowa and was a college professor. He died in Jan., 1894.
30. Amanda, b. 26 March, 1819; m. Rev. N. Clark Lewis.
31. James, b. 22 Oct., 1822; m. 1st, Martha A. Williams; 2d, Harriet V. Allyn, daughter Capt. Lyman Allyn.
32. Calvin, b. 26 May, 1827; m. 1st, ——— Gallup; 2d, Ann (Raymond) Ames.
33. Harriet, b. 6 June, 1832; died 18 Nov., 1848, unm.

## AVERY FAMILIES.

The first of the name was Christopher Avery, who first appears in Gloucester, Mass., between 1646 and 1654, and at New London in 1665. In October, 1669, made freeman of the colony. He died at New London, but no date of his death is to be found. He must have been quite an old man, and born in the latter part of the sixteenth century. James, his son, in 1685, gives a deed to his four sons of the house, orchard, and land, "which," he says, "belonged to my deceased father, Christopher Avery."

This James Avery is the only son that can be traced. He married 10 Nov., 1643, Joanna Greenslade, the record of which marriage is found recorded in Gloucester, Mass. Three or more of his children were born in Gloucester, and the remainder probably at New London. At New London he took an active part in the affairs of the plantation. In 1660 he was chosen selectman, and held the office twenty-three years. He was successively ensign, lieutenant, and captain of the only train-band in the town, and was in active service through King Philip's War. He was twelve times deputy of the general court. His descendants have been very numerous, very many of them have been persons of distinction, filling position of honor in the church and state. It is not ascertained at what date he died, but deeds of lands to his sons, including the homestead in February, 1693-4, may indicate his near approach to death.

### Children.

2. Hannah, b. 12 Oct., 1644.
3. James, b. 16 Dec., 1646.
4. Mary, b. 19 Feb., 1648.
5. Thomas, b. 6 May, 1651.

6. John, b. 10 Feb., 1653-4.
7. Rebecca, b. 6 Oct., 1656.
8. Jonathan, b. 5 Jan., 1658-9.
9. Christopher, b. 30 April, 1661.
10. Samuel, b. 14 Aug., 1664, m. Susanna Palmer 25 Oct., 1686. Had a son, Jonathan, b. 18 Jan., 1688-9.
11. Joanna, b. , 1669.

THOMAS (5), b. 6 May, 1651, son of James Avery and Joanna Greenslade; married Hannah Miner, by whom he had five children. After her death he married for second wife Hannah Raymond, b. 8 Aug., 1668, daughter of Joshua Raymond and Elizabeth Smith, by whom he had six children. He settled in the North Parish of New London. His name appears the first on the list of the "first covenanters" in the organization of the church here in 1722. Capt. Thomas Avery was a man of noble qualities, an active Christian, and a respected citizen; his end was peace. He died 5 Jan., 1737, aged 87.

Children by Hannah Miner.

12. Thomas, b. 20 April, 1679; m. Ann Shaply 12 July, 1704.
13. Samuel, b. 15 Nov., 1680; m. Elizabeth Ransford.
14. Ephraim, bap. 18 Oct., 1685.
15. Hannah, bap. 16 April, 1688; m. ——— Minor.
16. Jonathan, b. 9 Dec., 1691; m. 1st, Elizabeth Waterman; 2d, Widow Dorothy Copp.
17. Abraham, bap. 6 March, 1691-2; m. Jane Hill.

Children by Hannah Raymond.

18. Joshua, bap. 25 Aug., 1695; m. Jerusha Rockwell.
19. Elizabeth, b. ; m. Sylvester Baldwin 19 May, 1724.
20. Mary, b. ; m. Benjamin Baker.
21. Isaac, b. ; m. Elizabeth Fox.
22. Charles, b. ; died young.

SAMUEL (13), b. 15 Nov., 1680, son of Capt. Thomas Avery and Hannah Miner; married, 1704, Elizabeth Rans-

ford. He was a farmer and settled at Montville. Both were members of the church. He died 25 Feb., 1750. She died 9 Sept., 1761.

#### Children.

23. Ransford, b. about 1705; m. Elizabeth Rogers.
24. Martha, b. about 1707; m. 1st, Capt. Peter Comstock; 2d, Pelatiah Bliss.
25. Elizabeth, b. about 1709; m. Daniel Comstock.
26. Hannah, b. about 1711; m. Samuel Allen.
27. Althea, b. about 1714; m. James Allen.
28. Samuel, b. about 1716; died young.
29. Thomas, b. about 1719; died in an expedition of service.
30. Ann, b. about 1721; m. Jonathan Minor.
31. John, b. about 1723; m. Prudence Minor.
32. Mary, bap. 21 Aug., 1725; m. John Williams of Groton.
33. Ephraim, bap. 25 June, 1727; m. Abigail Bill.

ABRAHAM (17), bap. 6 March, 1691-2, son of Capt. Thomas Avery and Hannah Minor; married 14 March, 1727, Jane Hill, bap. 8 March, 1703, daughter of Jonathan Hill and Mary Sherwood. He was a farmer, settled in Montville on land given by Owaneco, the Sachem, to Jonathan Hill for the kindness shown to him by saving him from drowning. This Avery farm was later owned by John H. Adgate, and is now known as the Adgate place. The original farmhouse in which Capt. Thomas Avery lived stands on the road from Montville Center to Norwich, a few rods east of the schoolhouse, now owned by Keeney H. Barnes. Abraham Avery and his wife were both members of the Hillhouse Church. His wife died 26 July, 1744, and on the 1st day of Oct., 1751, he married Sarah Copp, daughter of Dea. Jonathan Copp. He died 23 June, 1761.

#### Children by Jane.

34. Jane, b. 3 Dec., 1727; m. James Chapel.
35. Mary, b. 15 Sept., 1729; bap. when 10 days old and died when 3 weeks old.

36. Thomas, b. 16 Oct., 1730; bap. when 3 days old and married 1st, Sarah Mason; 2d, Ruth Haughton.
37. Hannah, b. 30 Sept., 1732; bap. when 10 days old; m. Daniel Smith of Lyme.
38. Ruth, b. 1 July, 1735; m. Abel Griswold of Norwich.
39. Jonathan, b. 22 June, 1737; m. ——— Smith of Lyme.
40. William, b. 7 March, 1739.
41. Nathan, b. 6 May, 1740; m. ——— Thomas of Lebanon.
42. Abraham, b. 18 July, 1744; m. Rebecca Stevens.

JONATHAN (16), b. 9 Dec., 1691, son of Capt. Thomas Avery and Hannah Miner; married 1st, Elizabeth Waterman, 16 April, 1724; 2d, Widow Dorothy (Denison) (Rogers) Copp. She was daughter of Capt. Robert Denison, and married 1st, Ebenezer Rogers, and 2d, Dea. David Copp. He settled in Norwich.

Children by Elizabeth.

43. Elizabeth, b. 7 Jan., 1725.
44. Hannah, b.
45. Charles, b. 30 March, 1730.
46. Elisha, b.

Children by Dorothy.

47. Ann, b. 10 July, 1753.
48. Lucy, b. 16 July, 1755.
49. David, b. 27 Dec., 1757.

JOSHUA (18), bap. 25 Aug., 1695, son of Capt. Thomas Avery and Hannah Raymond; married Jerusha Rockwell 17 Aug., 1722.

Children.

50. Lucy, b. 12 Sept., 1728.
51. Joshua, b. 11 Dec., 1730.

ABRAHAM (42), b. 18 July, 1744, son of Abraham Avery and Jane Hill; married, 1665, Rebecca Stevens, a granddaughter of Rev. Timothy Stevens of Glastonbury,

Conn. He settled in Glastonbury; was a tanner and saddler by trade. He died at Glastonbury 24 May, 1817. She died there 4 Sept., 1792.

Children.

- 52. Nathan, b.
- 53. Dolly, b.
- 54. Ashbel, b.
- 55. William, b.
- 56. Annis, b.
- 57. Abraham, b. 22 June, 1782; m. Elizabeth Bliss.
- 58. Thomas, b.
- 59. Rebecca, b.

ABRAHAM (57), b. 22 June, 1782, at Montville, son of Abraham Avery and Rebecca Stevens; married about 1809 Elizabeth Bliss. He was a tanner and currier at Bean Hill, Norwich, and died at Wilbraham, Mass., 8 Oct., 1858.

Children.

- 60. Addison, b. 2 Feb., 1810.
- 61. Benjamin, b. 16 June, 1813.
- 62. Simeon, b. 22 Aug., 1817.
- 63. Elizabeth, b. 13 Oct., 1819.
- 64. Julia, b. 18 April, 1822; m. 1st, John Roper; 2d, George C. Rand.
- 65. Abraham, b. 15 Nov., 1824; m. 19 Nov., 1851, Margaret Cook Camp, and had children, Anna, b. 29 Oct., 1856; William, b. 26 March, 1858; Kate, b. 22 Sept., 1861. He was connected with the firm of Avery & Rand of Boston, publishers.

JAMES (3), b. 16 Dec., 1646, son of James Avery and Joanna Greenslade; married ————. He had a son James, and grandson, Jonathan, b. in 1682, and married 11 April, 1703, Elizabeth Bill, and had Jonathan, b. 30 Dec., 1703; Elizabeth, Mercy, Lucy, Abner, Sarah, Abel, Temperance, Freeloove, and Experience. James Avery of Groton married Mary Comstock, b. 28 April, 1743, daughter of Capt. John Comstock and Mary Lee.



## BLISS FAMILIES.

Thomas Bliss was among the early settlers in the colony of Connecticut. He was born in England and came to New England with his father in 1635. He was the son of Thomas Bliss and Margaret ———, born about 1580. His grandfather was Thomas of Belstone Parish, Devonshire, England. Thomas Bliss, 2d, had ten children, Ann, born ; married 29 April, 1642, Robert Chapinan of Saybrook, and died 29 Nov., 1685. Mary, born ; married 26 Nov., 1646, Joseph Parsons of Hartford. Thomas, born ; married 30 Oct., 1644, Elizabeth ———. Nathaniel, born ; died 8 Nov., 1654. Laurence, born ; died 1676. Samuel, born , 1624; died 23 March, 1720. Sarah, born at Boston, 1635; married, , John Scott. Elizabeth, born at Boston, 1637; married, , Miles Morgan; Hannah, born at Hartford, 1639; died unmarried 1662. John, born , 1640; died 10 April, 1702.

Thomas, 3d, first appears at Saybrook among the earliest proprietors there. He, with others, removed to Norwich and settled there about 1660, and became a permanent inhabitant. He married 30 Oct., 1644, Elizabeth ———, and died 15 April, 1688.

### Children.

2. Elizabeth, b. at Saybrook 20 Nov., 1645; m. Edward Smith, 1663.
3. Sarah, b. at Saybrook 26 Aug., 1647; m. Thomas ———, 1668.
4. Mary, b. at Saybrook 7 Feb., 1649; m. David Caulkins, 1672.
5. Thomas, b. at Saybrook 3 March, 1652; died 29 Jan., 1682, unm.
6. Deliverence, b. at Saybrook 10 Aug., 1655; m. Daniel Perkins, 1682.

7. Samuel, b. at Saybrook 9 Dec., 1657; m. Ann Elderkin.
8. Anne, b. at Norwich 15 Sept., 1660; m. Josiah Rockwell, 1688.
9. Rebecca, b. at Norwich 18 March, 1663; m. Israel Lathrop, 1686.

II. SAMUEL (7), son of Thomas (1); married 8 Dec., 1681, Anne Elderkin, b. Sept., 1660, daughter of John Elderkin. He settled at Norwich, where he died. He purchased land of Owanceco in Lebanon in 1704.

#### Children.

- 9a. Thomas, b. 6 Sept., 1682; m. Mary Loomis 27 May, 1708.
10. Samuel, b. 13 Nov., 1684; m. Sarah Parker 21 April, 1715.
11. Elizabeth, b. 28 Feb., 1687; m. Capt. Daniel White.
12. John, b. 23 Oct., 1690.
13. Peletiah, b. 17 Nov., 1697; m. Widow Sarah (Harris) Brown.
14. Thankful, b. 7 March, 1700; m. Joseph Willoughby 6 April, 1719.

III. THOMAS (9a), son of Samuel (7); married 27 May, 1708, Mary Loomis, b. \_\_\_\_\_, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_. He was bitten by a rattlesnake and died in June, 1719.

#### Children.

15. Thomas, b. 26 June, 1709.
16. Samuel, b. 3 July, 1712.
17. Elijah, b. 30 March, 1715.
18. Elizabeth, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

III. SAMUEL (10), son of Samuel (7); married 21 April, 1715, Sarah Parker, b. \_\_\_\_\_, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_. He died 20 Sept., 1763. She died 18 Oct., 1775.

#### Children.

19. John, b. 16 May, 1717.
20. Desire, b. 26 May, 1719; m. George Dennis.

21. Thankful, b. 27 Jan., 1721; m. Benjamin Donnis.
22. Freeclove, b. 10 Nov., 1723; m. Nehemiah Corning.
23. Mindwell, b. 22 April, 1726; m. David Rockwell.

IV. PELETIAH (13), son of Samuel (7); m. 1st, about 1730, Sarah (Harris) Brown, b. 27 Sept., 1697, widow of John Brown of Colchester, and daughter of Licut. James Harris and Sarah Rogers. He married 2d, about 1743, Martha (Avery) Comstock, b. about 1705, widow of Capt. Peter Comstock, and daughter of Samuel Avery and Elizabeth Ransford. He married for a 3d wife, Lucy Harris, who survived him. He died in 1763. Mr. Bliss lived in the North Parish of New London, and at the time of his death he lived on the farm afterwards sold by his heirs to Rev. Rozel Cook. The will of Mr. Bliss was received for probate in New London 8 Feb., 1763, and read as follows: "In the Name of God, Amen. This 21st day of December, 1762, I, Peletiah Bliss of New London, North Parish, being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament; That is to say: 1st, I will that all my debts and funeral charges be paid by my executor hereinafter named;

"2d, Whereas an agreement between Mrs. Lucy Harris and myself touching our worldly estate made before marriage, dated Dec. 16th, 1756, It is my will that said agreement be carried out and fulfilled according to the intent thereof;

"3d, I give to my only son, Peletiah, my dwelling house, barn, and one hundred acres of land. The land to be set to his on the north part of my farm, to be laid out in equal breadth so as to include one hundred acres, south by land of Ezekiel Fox, westerly by land of John Baker, north by land of Esquire Raymond and Daniel Rogers, and east by the land of John Vibber.

"4th, I give to my daughters, Sarah Ransom, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Welch, Althea Comstock, Delight Swaddle, Mary Fargo, Thankful Baker, Abigail Baker, and Eliphal Scofield,

all the remainder of my real estate after the payment of my debts. To my son Peletiah I give my gun and sword.

Witnesses.

John Baker (Signed) " PELETIAH BLISS."  
David Jewett  
Rachel Baker

Children, all by First Wife.

24. Sarah, b. ; m. Joshua Ransom.
25. Elizabeth, b. ; m. Joshua Jones, 1740.
26. Ann, b. ; m. William Welch.
27. Althen, b. ; m. Joseph Comstock, and had one son, Joseph, b. 4 June, 1749.
28. Delight, b. ; m. Samuel Swaddle.
29. Mary, b. ; m. Joshua Fargo.
30. Thankful, b. ; m. Gideon Baker.
31. Abigail, b. ; m. Joshua Baker.
32. Peletiah, b. ; m. Elizabeth Harris.

V. PELETIAH (32), son of Peletiah (13); m. , Elizabeth Harris, b. about 1738, daughter of Ephraim Harris. He settled first in the North Parish of New London, and afterwards removed to Avon, N. Y., where he died. She died there in 1834.

Children.

33. Elizabeth, b. 8 May, 1769; m. Gurdon Rogers.
34. Hannah, b. 19 Jan., 1772; m. William Vibber.
35. Peletiah, b. 17 March, 1774; m. ——— Gilbert.
36. John, b. 8 Nov., 1780; m. Lucretia Bishop.

PELETIAH (35), son of Peletiah (32); m. , Gilbert. They lived in Avon, Otsego County, N. Y. He married for second wife, Elizabeth Lathrop, born in 1769.

Child by First Wife.

37. Gilbert, b. , 1796.

## Children by Second Wife.

- 38. Eliza, b. , 1798.
- 39. Hannah, b. , 1801.
- 40. John, b. 20 Feb., 1804; m. Rosina Higgins.
- 41. Seth L., b. 20 Feb., 1804; twin to John.
- 42. E. Lathrop, b. , 1806.
- 43. Peletiah, b. , 1808.
- 44. James, b. 28 Jan., 1812.

JOHN (36), son of Peletiah (32); married, 1802, Lucretia Bishop, b. 29 March, 1777. She died in Ohio, 1839.

## Children.

- 45. Giles Bishop, b. 16 Dec., 1803.
- 46. Robert Stanton, b. 1 Aug., 1805.
- 47. Ruia Angeline, b. 29 April, 1815; m. Edwin Holden, 1833.

## COPP FAMILIES.

Dea. Jonathan Copp was the first deacon chosen by the church in the North Parish of New London, now called Montville Center Church, at its organization in 1722. He, with Capt. Thomas Avery, Capt. Robert Denison, Mr. Samuel Allon, Mr. John Vibber, and Mr. Nathaniel Otis, with their wives, were the first covenanters, forming the nucleus for the future church of North Parish, and over this little flock in the wilderness Rev. James Hillhouse was ordained its pastor 3 Oct., 1722.

Some two or three years previous to the calling of Rev. James Hillhouse as pastor, this little band of Christian workers had met together on the Sabbath for divine worship with Deacon Copp as the probable leader. His farm lay in the northern part of the Parish, near the Norwich line, in what is now called Leffingwell Society.

Dea. Jonathan Copp was born 23 Feb., 1665, son of David Copp and Obedience Topliff. He came from Boston, but the exact date is not certainly known, probably soon after 1700. His children were all probably born before his removal here. He was married to Catherine Lay 18 Aug., 1690. He died 4 Nov., 1746. She died 24 May, 1761. Both were buried in the church cemetery in the rear of the First Church, on Raymond Hill.

### Children.

2. Catherine, b. 7 July, 1692; m. Thomas Edgecomb.
3. Jonathan, b. 12 June, 1694; m. 1st, Margaret Stanton; 2d, Widow Hubbert.
4. Obedience, b. 17 Sept., 1696; m. Stephen Baldwin.
5. Mary, b. 27 Oct., 1698; m. John Mason, Jr.
6. Sarah, b. 24 Sept., 1700; died 21 Dec., 1710.
7. David, b. 3 Oct., 1702; m. Widow Dorothy Rogers.

- 8. Samuel, b. 24 Jan., 1704-5; m. Elizabeth Loffingwell.
- 9. Amy, b. 24 Sopt., 1707; m. John Vibber.
- 10. John, b. 29 Sept., 1709; m. Isabel Dixson.
- 11. Sarah, b. 31 Dec., 1712; m. Abraham Avery, 2d wife.

DAVID (7), b. 3 Oct., 1702, son of Jonathan Copp and Catherine Lay; m. Widow Dorothy (Denison) Rogers, daughter of Capt. Robert Denison. He was also a deacon of the church, succeeding his father. He died May, 1751, and his widow afterwards married Jonathan Avery of Norwich.

#### Children.

- 12. Dorothy, b.
- 13. Mercy, b.
- 14. Obedience, b.

SAMUEL (8), b. 24 Jan., 1704-5, son of Jonathan Copp and Catherine Lay; married Elizabeth Loffingwell, daughter of Samuel ———. His children were all born here, but probably moved away before they grew up, as no mention of his death is made in the record.

#### Children.

- 15. Prudence, b. 5 April, 1746.
- 16. Samuel, b. 22 Nov., 1747.
- 17. Jonathan, b. 5 Nov., 1749.
- 18. David, b. 10 Aug., 1752.
- 19. Lois, b. 31 Dec., 1754.
- 20. Catherine, b. 15 May, 1757.
- 21. Abigail, b. 14 Nov., 1759.

JOHN (10), b. 29 Sept., 1709, son of Jonathan Copp and Catherine Lay; married 7 Nov., 1744, Isabel Dixson. His children were all born in Montville, but they all removed to Nova Scotia with their parents.

#### Children.

- 22. Catherine, b. 12 Aug., 1745.
- 23. Isabel, b. 17 Nov., 1747.

- 24. Anna, b. 6 July, 1749.
- 25. Sarah, b. 20 May, 1751.
- 26. John, b. 8 Jan., 1753.
- 27. Timothy, b. 30 Dec., 1755.

JONATHAN (8), b. 12 June, 1694, son of Jonathan Copp and Catherine Lay; married 28 Dec., 1721, Margaret Stanton; 2d, Widow Hubbert.

Children.

- 28. Dorothy, b. 25 Nov., 1722.
- 29. Jonathan, b. 22 July, 1725.
- 30. Margaret, b. 29 May, 1727.
- 31. Catherine, b. 16 July, 1730.
- 32. Joseph, b. 18 Nov., 1732.



## CROCKER FAMILIES.

Thomas Crocker appears at New London in 1660, at which time he bought a house in New Street. He was born about 1633, and among those whose names appear in the Letters Patent granted by his Royal Majesty Charles the Second of England in 1663. His wife Rachel was daughter of George Chappoll. He died 18 Jan., 1715-16, aged eighty-three years.

### Children.

2. Mary, b. 7 March, 1668-9.
3. Thomas, b. 1 Sept., 1670; m. Ann Beeby.
4. John, b.                   ; m. ———— ————.
5. Samuel, b. 27 July, 1676.
6. William, b.           , 1680.
7. Andrew, b.           , 1683.

II. SAMUEL (5), b. 27 July, 1676, son of Thomas Crocker and Rachel Chappell; married ———— ————. The name of his wife is not to be found on record. He early purchased twenty acres of land of Capt. Joseph Tracy on Little Lebanon Hill, afterwards called Crocker Hill, in Franklin, Conn. He was an active and influential member of the settlement. In 1716 he served on an important committee, and his name often appears upon the records of the society at later dates. In 1722 he served as selectman. He had children, Samuel, John, Jabez, and Hannah, baptized in 1709.

II. JOHN (4), b. about 1672, son of Thomas Crocker and Rachel Chappell; married and had a son (8) John, b. about 1706. He married 20 March, 1733-4, Jerusha Larrabee. He was a soldier of the French Wars, and was a resident of Montville, where he died 30 Nov., 1746.

## Children.

9. John, b. 20 Jan., 1734-5.
10. Joseph, b. 18 March, 1735-6.
11. Mary, b. 14 March, 1737-8.
12. Mercy, b. 2 March, 1739-40.
13. Phebe, b. 16 Feb., 1741-2.
14. Andrew, b. 28 March, 1743-4.

III. JOHN (9), b. 20 Jan., 1734-5, son of John Crocker and Jerusha Larrabee; married 18 May, 1758, Ann Camp, daughter of William Camp. He was a member of the Montville Center Congregational Church, and resided in the north part of the town. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His wife died 7 Oct., 1787. He afterwards married, 13 June, 1802, Thankful Robbins.

## Children by Ann.

15. Joseph, b. 21 March, 1759; died 28 Oct., 1776.
16. Lydia, b. 27 Oct., 1761; m. Samuel Bailey 6 May, 1787.
17. Malzor, b. 6 Aug., 1763.
18. John, b. 11 Sept., 1765.
19. Elizabeth, b. 14 May, 1768.
20. Mary, b. 30 May, 1770.
21. Anna, b. 20 July, 1772; m. Josiah Hills.
22. Mercy, b. 20 March, 1775.
23. Sarah, b. 31 May, 1777.
24. Joseph, b. 8 April, 1781.

LYDIA (16), b. 27 Oct., 1761, daughter of John Crocker and Ann Camp; married 6 May, 1787, Samuel Bailey, and had children, 1st, Chloe, b. 1789; 2d, Gordon, b. 1792; 3d, Lydia, b. 1795, died young; 4th, Lydia Agan, b. 1798; 5th, Abigail, b. 1801, m. ——— Beaumont, and was living in 1893.

## CHAPMAN FAMILIES.

Joseph Chapman was an inhabitant of the North Parish of New London previous to 1755, at which time he exchanged 25 acres of land with Rev. David Jewett, which he says, "being land that my father, Samuel Chapman, gave me." The land thus exchanged by Mr. Chapman lay along the north side of the Jewett Farm, now owned by D. Chester Comstock. He afterwards owned the farm on which the famous "Cochegeon Rock" is located, afterwards owned by Bliss Baker, and a part of which farm Mr. Chapman sold to Joshua Baker, Jr., in 1762.

This Samuel Chapman was one of the patentees named in the list of signers to the patent of New London presented to the governor and approved Oct. 14, 1704. He was probably a grandson of William Chapman of 1657, who "bought the house and lot of Mr. Blinman, formerly belonged to Capt. Denison."

Among the minutes of county court cases in 1667 is the following item: "John Lewis and Sarah Chapman, presented for sitting together on the Lord's day under an apple tree in Goodman Chapman's orchard."

Joseph Chapman is supposed to have been a brother of Jonathan Chapman, born in Nov., 1726, and who settled in Leffingwell Society near the Montville line, and has descendants still living in that society.

Joseph Chapman, whose wife was Mary Perkins, had sons, 1st, Joseph, b. 15 May, 1761, m. Sabra Baker, daughter of Gideon Baker. He was killed by the falling of a tree on 26 May, 1799. After his death his widow married Nathan Latimer. His son, John Chapman, b. about 1798, died at the residence of his cousin, Joseph L. Chapman, 13 Oct., 1876,

unmarried; 2d, Zebulon, b. about 1765; 3d, Alpheus; 4th, Dyer; 5th, Gideon, married Sarah Cook.

**ZEBULON**, second son of Joseph and Mary Chapman; married 12 March, 1795, Ann Latimer, daughter of Nathan Latimer and Jane Lee. He settled in Chesterfield Society, a farmer. He died 8 June, 1802, in the 37th year of his age.

#### Children.

6. Joseph Lee, b. 9 Dec., 1795; m. Phoebe Wickwire.
7. Mary, b. 15 July, 1798; m. John Latimer.
8. Oliver Raymond, b. 6 May, 1801; died 9 March, 1802.

**JOSEPH LEE** (6), b. 9 Dec., 1795, son of Zebulon Chapman and Ann Latimer; married 5 Feb., 1818, Phebe Wickwire, daughter of Willard Wickwire and Hannah Chapel. He settled in Montville, Chesterfield Society, a farmer. A man of considerable ability, and active in town affairs. He represented his native town in the state legislature in 1837. A Jackson Democrat. He was well informed in both political and civil affairs of the town and country. He died at Montville 15 Oct., 1876. She died 18 Jan., 1879.

#### Children.

9. Oliver Wolcott, b. 21 Oct., 1818; m. ————. He died in Jan., 1864.
10. Sarah Gardner, b. 15 Sept., 1821; m. Alvin Gardner.
11. Hannah, b. 27 June, 1824; m. Artemas Gardner.
12. Frank, b. 1827; died young.
13. Leander, b. 18 May, 1828; m. 1st, ———— Landphero; 2d, ————.
14. Mary Jane, b. ————; m. John Bogue.
15. Charles Allen, b. 29 Oct., 1838; m. 1st, Mary R. Edwards; 2d, Laura S. Comstock.

**JONATHAN CHAPMAN**, supposed son of Samuel Chapman, b. about 1726; married Mercy ————, b. about 1732. Her maiden name has not been ascertained. He

settled in Bozrah, Leffingwell Society, a farmer. He died 9 May, 1802. She died 11 May, 1818.

Children.

2. Christopher, b. 20 Aug., 1756; m. Eunice Fitch. He died 13 Nov., 1834. She died 30 Nov., 1834.
3. Lucy, b. 25 Aug., 1759; died 14 Sept., 1837.
4. Desire, b. about 1762; m. ——— Maples.
5. Prudence, b. about 1769; died 28 Dec., 1792, unm.
6. Jonathan, b. 28 Sept., 1771; m. Phebe Leffingwell.

JONATHAN (6), b. 28 Sept., 1771, son of Jonathan Chapman and Mercy ———; married, 1798, Phebe Leffingwell, b. about 1774, daughter of Samuel Leffingwell and Betsey Baker; a farmer, lived at the old Chapman homestead in Leffingwell Society. She died 20 Nov., 1847. He died 15 Oct., 1859.

Children.

7. Christopher, b. 16 Feb., 1799; m. 1st, Sabra Harrington; 2d, Clarissa Lampher.
8. Abby, b. 8 Feb., 1806; m. Marvin Leffingwell.

CHRISTOPHER (7), b. 16 Feb., 1799, son of Jonathan Chapman and Phebe Leffingwell; married 1st, Sabra Harrington. She died 12 Feb., 1821. He then married 3 Nov., 1824, Clarissa Lampher. He settled on the old homestead in Bozrah, a farmer. He died 7 Sept., 1851. She died 2 Oct., 1832, leaving two children, 1st, Sabra, b. 1 May, 1825, m. Isaac Winchester; 2d, Christopher Nelson, b. 7 Jan., 1827, m. Mary (Gardner) Maples, widow of George Maples, and daughter of Rhoderick Gardner.

ALPHEUS CHAPMAN, son of Joseph Chapman and Mary ———. Was an inhabitant of Montville and lived on the farm afterwards occupied by Gilbert Allen, and subsequently by John McAlpine. He was one of the appraisers on the estate of Samuel Holmes, his nearest neighbor, Oct. 8,

1774. He was born about 1750, and was living in 1812. His wife's name was Martha ———, and was one of the witnesses to the last will of Samuel Holmes, August 4, 1774. He had sons, Alpheus, who married Elizabeth Allen; Jesse married Hannah Holmes, daughter of Jabez, and his children were Jesse, Mary, married Nehemiah Fargo. James Babcock, Alpheus Babcock, Thomas Babcock, and Mary Babcock, Henry Minard, Sophia Minard, Emilene Minard, and Ann Bird were heirs at law of the estate of Alpheus Chapman.

## CARDWELL FAMILIES.

William Cardwell, whose name is first found on the records of New London, and who married 4 September, 1747, Elizabeth Burch, has very little said about him. His marriage is the only evidence, together with the birth record of his children, of his being a resident of New London. It is not ascertained who his parents were or where he came from to New London, nor in what part of the town he lived.

The young man mentioned by Mr. Hemstead as being killed by a stroke of lightning that descended upon the old Saltonstall meeting-house in New London on the Sabbath, while the people were at worship, August 31, 1735, shaking its very foundation, splitting timbers, rafters, and posts, scattering them in fragments on every side, and laying about forty persons prostrate and senseless upon the floor, may have been a brother of Elizabeth Burch. "It pleased God," says Hemstead, "to spare all our lives but Edward Burch, a young man newly for himself, who was struck fatally and died."

### Children.

2. Samuel, b. 27 Aug., 1748; died in the 17th year of his age.
3. William, b. 6 April, 1751; m. Sibbel Griswold.
4. John, b. 5 May, 1752.
5. Nathaniel, b. 10 May, 1755.
6. Mary, b. 16 June, 1757.
7. Sarah, b. 1 Aug., 1767.

WILLIAM (3), b. 6 April, 1751, son of William Cardwell and Elizabeth Burch; married 11 April, 1779, Sibbel Griswold. He probably resided in New London, as the births of his children are recorded there.

### Children.

8. John, b. 23 April, 1780.
9. Samuel, b. 6 March, 1782.

10. Uriah, b. 10 Feb., 1785; m. ——— Hough of Bozrah.
11. Nancy, b. 6 Aug., 1786.
12. Robert, b. 23 March, 1788; m. 1st, Lydia Dorsett; 2d, Rebecca (Breed) Potter.
13. Lydia, b. 23 Jan., 1790; m. Russel Troadway.
14. Rebecca, b. 6 June, 1792; died unm.
15. Vera Ann, b. 22 Aug., 1794; m. Gurdon Abel.
16. Sibbel or Sybel, b. 28 June, 1797; m. William Tew.
17. William S., b. 10 Oct., 1802; m. 1st, Rebecca B. Landphere; 2d, Nancy (Lester) Comstock.

WILLIAM S. (17), b. 10 Oct., 1802, son of William Cardwell and Sybel Griswold; married 1st, Rebecca B. Landphere 25 Nov., 1830, daughter of Oliver Landphere of Bozrah. She died 7 June, 1837. He married for his second wife Nancy (Lester) Comstock, widow of Amos Comstock, 24 March, 1839. He settled in Montville; a merchant. He commenced the grocery business in the old store of Giles Turners, afterwards owned by Erastus Baker, on the "old Colchester road." Mr. Cardwell, about 1832, removed to Montville Center, where he carried on the grocery business in the old red building that formerly stood nearly opposite the present church edifice. From this place he removed to Uncasville, and bought a house and a few acres of land of Daniel Lester, on which he erected a store, which he occupied until his death, 25 Sept., 1865. He was succeeded by his son-in-law, John A. Coggeshall, who built a new house and store. He was a successful merchant at Uncasville, and highly respected by his fellow townsmen. He was a descendant of John Coggeshall, one of the founders of Newport, R. I., "from whom all American Coggeshalls are descended." He died 22 May, 1892, and was succeeded by his son, William A. Coggeshall, now in active business at the old store.

#### Children of William S. Cardwell.

18. Mary, b. 1 Sept., 1831; m. John A. Coggeshall.
19. William Henry, b. 25 Aug., 1833; m. Lucy Morgan.
20. Winslow G., b. 14 Aug., 1835; m. Sarah Holdridge.



## DENISON FAMILIES.

Capt. Robert Denison, the first of the name that settled in the North Parish of New London, now Montville, was son of John Denison and Phebe Lay, and a grandson of Capt. George Denison, the first of Stonington.

This Capt. George Denison was born in England in 1618. He came to this country with his father and two brothers about 1631, and settled at Roxbury, Mass. In 1640 he married Bridget Thompson of Stonington, by whom he had two daughters. Upon her death, in 1643, Capt. Denison returned to England and engaged in the civil war, which was then going on there. And the tradition in the family is that in an engagement in Ireland he was dangerously wounded, and in this situation was cast upon the hospitality of Mr. John Brodil of Cork, a gentleman of wealth who had an only daughter, Anne Brodil, who became a ministering angel to him in his critical condition and great need. That he recovered and persuaded her to marry him and to share his fortunes in this new world the sequel of events clearly prove. He had by her seven children, John, George, William, Anne, Margaret, Brodil, and Mary. The two daughters by his first wife were Sarah, born 20 March, 1641; married ——— Stanton; and Hannah, born 20 May, 1643; married ——— Saxton.

Capt. George Denison was the first representative of Stonington in the General Assembly at Hartford. He died 23 Oct., 1694, while attending the assembly at Hartford, at the age of 76. His widow died 26 Sept., 1712, aged 97.

John Denison, their eldest son, born 1646, at Roxbury; married in 1667 Phebe Lay of Saybrook, daughter of Robert Lay. Their son, Robert, born 17 Oct., 1673, married Joanna Stanton, born 5 Jan., 1679. He is known to the records as

Capt. Robert Denison of the North Parish. In January, 1709, Owaneco, the sachem of the Mohegans, conveyed by deed to Capt. Robert Denison, then of Stonington, a tract of 500 acres of land "on the southmost side of the little pond called 'Opsoboxuk' and adjoining land of Oliver Manwaring in the North Parish of New London." He moved on to this land within two or three years thereafter, and built his house. This house is still standing, though it may have been several times remodeled since. This house was afterwards occupied by Erastus Gardner, and now by Mr. Theodore Lehman. Capt. Robert Denison died about 1737.

#### Children by Joanna.

2. Robert, bap. 21 March, 1697; m. Deborah Griswold.
3. John, b. 28 Nov., 1698; m. Patience Griswold.
4. Johanna, b. ; m. Thomas Morhouse.
5. Mary, b. ; died young.
6. Nathaniel, b. ; died about 30 years old, unm.
7. Sarah, b. ; died about 11 years old.
8. Andrew, b. ; died in the West Indies at 23.
9. Anna, b. ; m. Capt. James Fitch.
10. Thomas, b. ; m. Elizabeth Bailey in 1709.
11. Lucy, b. ; m. Samuel Rogers.
12. Elizabeth, b. ; died young.
13. George, b. ; died in infancy.
14. Abigail, b. ; m. Wm. Wattles of Lebanon. His first wife died and he married for his second, Widow Dorothy Frink. Her maiden name was Stanton.

#### Children by Dorothy.

15. George, b. ; m. Hannah Dodge.
16. Dorothy, bap. 30 Dec., 1722; m. 1st, Ebenezer Rogers; 2d, Dea. David Copp; 3d, Jonathan Avery.

ROBERT (2), bap. 21 March, 1697, son of Capt. Robert Denison and Johanna Stanton; married 19 Oct., 1721, Deborah Griswold, b. at Lyme about 1697, daughter of Mathew Griswold and Phebe Hyde. He first settled at Montville,

and afterwards removed West. He is known to the records as Major Robert Denison, and died in June, 1766. His first wife died 24 Dec., 1731. He then married Prudence Sherman.

Children by Deborah.

17. Deborah, b. Dec., 1722; m. Christopher Manwaring.
18. Elizabeth, b. about 1723; died in infancy.
19. Robert, b. about 1725; died when nine weeks old.
20. Elizabeth, b. Sept., 1726; m. Nathan Smith of Groton.
21. Andrew, b. 2 May, 1728; m. Mary Thompson.
22. Mary, b. Jan., 1729; died 21 Dec., 1743.
23. Robert, b. ; died in infancy.

Children by Prudence.

24. David Sherman, b. 12 Aug., 1734; m. Sarah Fox.
25. Marcy, b. 5 Oct., 1736; died 15 Jan., 1743.
26. Robert, b. 31 July, 1739; died 25 Dec., 1743.
27. Prudence, b. 31 March, 1741; died 20 Dec., 1743.
28. Samuel, b. 8 Feb., 1742-3.
29. Sarah, b. 11 Nov., 1744.
30. Phebe, bap. 1 March, 1746-7.

The following is the copy of a letter sent by George Denison to Bridget Thompson in 1640:

“It is an ordinance, my dear, divine  
 Which God unto the sons of men makes shine  
 Even marriage; is that whereof I speak  
 And unto you my mind therein I beak  
 In Paradise, of Adam, God did tell  
 To be alone, for man, would not do well  
 He in His wisdom thought it right  
 To bring a woman into Adam's sight  
 A helper that for him might be most mete  
 And comfort him by her doing discreet  
 I of that stock am sprung, I mean from him  
 And also of that tree I am a limb  
 A branch, though young, yet do I think it good  
 That God's great vows by man be not withstood  
 Alone I am, an helper I would find  
 Which might give satisfaction to my mind  
 The party that doth satisfy the same

Is Mistress Bridget Thompson by her name  
God having drawn my affections unto thee  
My heart's desire is thine may be to me  
Thus with my blottings though I trouble you  
Yet pass these by because I know not how  
Though they at this time should much better be  
For love it is the first have been to thee  
And I could wish that they much better were  
Therefore I pray accept them as they are  
So hoping my desire I shall obtain  
Your own true lover I, George Denison by name  
From my father's house in Roxbury  
To Miss Bridget Thompson, Stonington, 1640."

## GARDNER FAMILIES.

Stephen Gardner was among the early settlers in New London County, and was probably a descendant of the Rhode Island families. He is first known as a purchaser of a large tract of land near the "Great Pond," afterwards called "Gardner's Lake," lying partly in Montville, partly in Bozrah, and partly in Salem. On this land he settled and reared a large family of children. He married, about 1700, Amy Sherman, born 25 Oct., 1681, daughter of Benjamin Sherman and Hannah Mowry of Kingston, R. I. Very little is recorded relating to the characteristics of the man, and little known of his history. Neither the date of his death or that of his wife is found to be recorded.

### Children.

2. Amy, b. 13 June, 1701.
3. Lydia, b. 10 October, 1702.
4. Stephen, b. 24 February, 1704; m., 1722, Frances Congdon, daughter of Benjamin.
5. Benjamin, b. 18 April, 1706.
6. Peregrene, b. 24 Jan., 1707; m. Susanna Robinson.
7. Daniel, b. 14 Dec., 1709; m. Bathshebe ———.
8. Sarah, b. 25 Oct., 1711.
9. Hannah, b. 2 May, 1713.
10. Mehitabel, b. 22 May, 1715; m. John Congdon, Jr.
11. Abigail, b. 9 July, 1717.
12. David, b. 28 Jan., 1720; m. Jemima Gustin.
13. Jonathan, b. 18 April, 1724; m. 1st, Mary Haughton; 2d, Abia Fitch.

II. STEPHEN (4), b. 24 Feb., 1704, son of Stephen Gardner and Amy Sherman; married, 1722, Frances Congdon, daughter of Benjamin Congdon. He was born at Kingston, R. I. The house where his father lived stood probably

in the then town of Colechester, which afterwards was set off and became a part of the town of Salem. He died in 1776.

Children.

14. Frances, b. 7 June, 1723; died 27 June, 1786, unm.
15. Amy, b. 17 Feb., 1725; m. Capt. Stephen Harding.
16. Lydia, b. 20 March, 1727; m. Judge John Jenkins.
17. Esther, b. 26 Dec., 1729; m. ——— Crocker.
18. Sarah, b. 10 Feb., 1731; m. Thomas Jenkins.
19. Hannah, b. 7 Nov., 1733; m. Thomas Jones, 1753.
20. Stephen, b. 27 March, 1735; m. 1st, Frances Brown;  
2d, widow of John Abbott.
21. Mary, b. 20 Dec., 1737; m. Israel Jones.
22. Thomas, b. 4 Sept., 1740.
23. Mehitabel, b. 11 Nov., 1745; m. James Angell.

II. PEREGRENE (6), b. 24 Jan., 1707, son of Stephen Gardner and Amy Sherman; married April, 1731, Susanna Robinson, b. 1711.

Children.

24. Stephen, b. 1 Aug., 1734.
25. Mary, b. 14 March, 1736.
26. John, b. 9 May, 1737; m. Elizabeth Mumford, by whom he had five children. He was taken prisoner at Wyoming in July, 1778, and loaded down with plunder, under which he fell down exhausted, and was put to death by the squaws by fiery torture.
27. Peregrene, b. 12 March, 1739.
28. Ruth, b. 25 Oct., 1742.
29. Robinson, b. 27 Nov., 1743.
30. Hannah, b. 10 Dec., 1745.
31. William, b. 13 Aug., 1747.

II. DANIEL (7), b. 14 Dec., 1709, son of Stephen Gardner and Amy Sherman; married, about 1735, Bathsheba ——. He settled in Bozrah, near Gardner's Lake, a farmer. He died 31 May, 1755.

## Children.

- 32. Bathshoba, b. 20 Oct., 1736; m. John Way.
- 33. Daniel, b. 9 Oct., 1738; m. Elizabeth ———.
- 34. A son, b. 29 Jan., 1741-2.
- 35. William, b. 20 March, 1743; m. Sarah Randall.
- 36. Stephen, b. 25 April, 1745.
- 37. Anna, b. 7 Sept., 1748.
- 38. James, b. 19 Nov., 1750.
- 40. Elizabeth, b. 2 July, 1755.

II. DAVID (12), b. 28 Jan., 1720, son of Stephen Gardner and Amy Sherman; married 1 October, 1744, Jemima Gustin, daughter of Thomas Gustin. He was a farmer and settled in the vicinity of Gardner's Lake, and died there.

## Children.

- 41. Amy, b. 16 March, 1745; m. Nathaniel Otis.
- 42. Sarah, b. 13 Feb., 1751; m. Ezekiel Chapel.
- 43. David, b. 20 April, 1753; m. 1st, Dennis Holmes; 2d, ——— Lathrop; 3d, Olive Metcalf.
- 44. Jemima, b. 26 Dec., 1755; m. George Holmes.
- 45. Anstis, b. ———, 1758; m. John Way.
- 46. Isaac, b. 30 Nov., 1761; m. 1st, Martha Rogers; 2d, Esther Palmer.

II. JONATHAN (13), b. 18 April, 1724, son of Stephen Gardner and Amy Sherman; married, about 1752, Mary, daughter of Samson Haughton. She died 29 Feb., 1760. He afterwards married, about 1762, Abia, twin daughter of Daniel Fitch and Sarah Sherwood. He was a farmer and lived at Bozrah, near Gardner's Lake. He died 22 Aug., 1792.

## Children by Mary.

- 47. Amy, b. about 1754; m. Jedidiah Lathrop.
- 48. Jonathan, b. 2 Dec., 1758; m. Jerusha Hyde Stark.
- 49. Mary, b. about 1756; m. Elihu Avery.
- 50. Lucy, b. ———, 1760; m. George Bentley.

## Children by Abia.

51. Lemuel, b. 10 July, 1763; m. Jemima Lathrop.  
52. Sarah, b. , 1765; m. Russell Leffingwell.

LYDIA (16), b. 20 March, 1727, daughter of Stephen Gardner and Amy or Almy ———, 1 Feb., 1751; married John Jenkins of East Greenwich, R. I., b. 6 Feb., 1728. He was a school teacher, surveyor, and conveyancer. When, in 1753, a company was formed to effect a settlement on the Susquehanna, under the grant of Charles II, 20 April, 1662, in confirmation of a previous grant made by Charles I in 1631, John Jenkins became a leading and active member of that company. He led on the first forty that effected a permanent settlement at Wyoming. He endured his share of the privations and sufferings incident to a new settlement, distant from friends and resources, surrounded and warred upon by Indians, Tories, British, and Pennamites, seeking to drive them from their new homes. He was the first judge of the new colony, their scribe and defender. He died in November, 1784. She died 22 Oct., 1804.

## Children.

- John, b. 27 Nov., 1751; m. Bethia Harris, daughter of Jonathan Harris and Rachel Otis.  
Stephen, b. 22 Feb., 1753.  
Benjamin, b. 18 July, 1754.  
Amy, b. 12 Jan., 1757.  
Thomas, b. 19 Jan., 1761.  
William, b. 30 October, 1764.  
Wilkes, b. 18 July, 1767.

III. WILLIAM (35), b. 20 March, 1743, son of David Gardner and Bathsheba ———; married 21 June, 1764, Sarah Randall, b. 26 Oct., 1746. He was a farmer and resided in the vicinity of Gardner's Lake. He died 12 Aug., 1813. She died 25 Sept., 1840.



## Children.

- 53. Rhoda, b. 22 May, 1765; m. Abel Gates.
- 54. Sarah, b. 3 Dec., 1767; m. Gurdon Gardner.
- 55. Ruth, b. 3 Nov., 1769; m. ——— Smith.
- 56. Anna, b. 16 Dec., 1771; died young.
- 57. William, b. 16 Aug., 1774; m. Mary Randall. He was drowned in Gardner's Lake in 1842.
- 58. Anna, b. 2 July, 1777; m. Gideon Minor.
- 59. Lucy, b. 15 Nov., 1780; died young.
- 60. Asenath, b. 18 Nov., 1782; m. Ichabod Stoddard.
- 61. Gilbert, b. 21 March, 1785; m. Salina Holmes.
- 62. Abel, b. 2 Sept., 1787; died unm.
- 63. Elias R., b. 25 July, 1790; died unm.
- 64. Mary, b. 19 Oct., 1793; m. David Ferman.

ASENATH (60), m. 3 June, 1819, Ichabod Stoddard, b. 13 Sept., 1767, son of Ichabod Stoddard and Tabbatha Billings of Groton. He died 21 Jan., 1851. She died 29 March, 1870.

## Children.

- Sophia, b. 24 Aug., 1820; m. Ebenezer H. Payne.
- Tabitha, b. 22 Sept., 1822; m. William H. Chapman.
- Ichabod, b. 19 Jan., 1825; m. Nancy A. Hurlburt.

III. DAVID (43), b. 20 April, 1753, son of David Gardner and Jemima Gustin; married, about 1772, Dennis Holmes. She died 14 Nov., 1801, aged 49 years. He afterwards married Mary Lathrop, by whom he had one son. After her death he married for his third wife Olive Metcalf, who survived him. He was a farmer, and resided near Gardner's Lake. He died 20 Jan., 1823. She died 8 Nov., 1827, aged 68 years.

## Children by Dennis.

- 53a. Catherine, b. 17 May, 1773; m. Jabez Gardner, and had two children, Jabez and Elsa, who married J. E. Comstock.
- 54b. Amasa, b. 1 Nov., 1776.
- 55c. David H., b. 2 Aug., 1778; m. Nancy Comstock.

- 56d. Azel, b. 5 Aug., 1780; m. Amy Rogers.
- 57e. Lucinda, b. 12 Nov., 1782; m. David Rogers.
- 58f. John, b. 1 Feb., 1786; removed to the state of New York.
- 59g. Anstis, b. 24 June, 1787; m. 1st, John Gardner; 2d, John Gates.
- 60h. Erastus, b. 16 July, 1789; m. 1st, Anna Rogers; 2d, Eunice Hyde.
- 61i. Artemus, b. 15 Jan., 1792; died in 1819.

#### Children by Mary.

- 62j. Solomon, b. 5 (3) Dec., 1804; m. 1st, Mary Avery; 2d, Harriet Gifford; 3d, ——— Wilcox.

III. ISAAC (46), b. 30 Nov., 1761, son of David Gardner and Jemima Gustin; married 3 Jan., 1783, Martha Rogers, daughter of Joseph Rogers, by whom he had five children. She died 13 Feb., 1798, aged 40 years. He afterwards married, 23 Aug., 1798, Esther Palmer, b. 2 May, 1775. He was a farmer and resided in Bozrah. He died 30 May, 1834. She died 2 April, 1860.

#### Children by Martha.

- 65. Amy, b. 18 Feb., 1785.
- 66. Amos, b. 19 April, 1787; m. Philomelia Ford.
- 67. Nehemiah, b. 3 Oct., 1789.
- 68. Harriet, b. 9 April, 1792; m. Benjamin B. Seldon.
- 69. Elizabeth, b. 26 May, 1795; m. Benjamin B. Ford.

#### Children by Esther.

- 70. Earls P., b. 31 July, 1799; m. Frances W. Pope, 1832.
- 71. Gershom R., b. 1 Feb., 1801; m. Sarah S. Culver, 1822.
- 72. Martha R., b. 15 Nov., 1802; m. Isaac B. Avery, 1822.
- 73. Deborah B., b. 7 Nov., 1804; m. Jabez Gardner, 1825.
- 74. Jennet, b. 26 Nov., 1806; m. Orrin C. Ely, 1838.
- 75. Edwin B., b. 13 April, 1809; m. 1st, Eunice Post, 1834; 2d, Emily Stark, 1848.
- 76. William P., b. 27 Dec., 1812; m. Sarah F. Jones, 1836.
- 77. Abel, b. 3 March, 1815; m. Harmony C. Bates, 1842.
- 78. Rebecca, b. 15 July, 1817; m. Orrin C. Ely, 1839.

III. JONATHAN (48), b. 2 Dec., 1758, son of Jonathan Gardner and Mary Haughton; m. 22 Jan., 1783, Jerusha Hyde Stark, b. 20 May, 1760, only daughter of Silas Stark and Jerusha Hyde. He settled at Bozrah, and in 1829 removed to Colchester. He died 6 May, 1847. She died 22 March, 1847. It was said of her, "She was one of the excellent of the earth."

Children.

- 79. Jerusha, b. 21 Nov., 1783; m. Col. Avery Morgan.
- 80. Mary, b. 10 Jan., 1786; m. Charles Bingham.
- 81. Roderick, b. 20 July, 1788; m. Emma Miner.

III. LEMUEL (51), b. 10 July, 1763, son of Jonathan Gardner and Abia Fitch; married 28 Oct., 1789, Jemima, youngest daughter of Jedediah Lathrop and Jemima Burchard of Bozrah. He was a farmer and resided first at Bozrah. In the year 1800 he removed to Norwich, and in 1816 to Montville, where he died 10 July, 1839. She died 11 March, 1850, aged 83 years.

Children.

- 82. Lorinda, b. 15 June, 1790; m., 1810, Levi Whaley, b. 1788, son of David Whaley and Anna L. Leffingwell. They settled at Montville and had eight children, viz.: 1st, Levi Gardner, b. 30 May, 1811; m., 1833, Weltha Davis, daughter of Stephen Davis of Norwich. They settled at Norwich Town, and were living in 1884. Their children were Weltha, b. 1836; George Gardner, b. 1838; William Henry, b. 1839; and Frederick, b. 1844.
- 2d, Charles Lathrop, b. 29 Jan., 1813; m. 18 March, 1833, Emma Smith, daughter of Benjamin Smith. He was a farmer and was residing at Montville in 1884. They have one daughter, an only child, Lorinda, b. 21 July, 1836; m. 30 April, 1854, J. Andrew Stevens, and had one son, Alton E., b. 10 August, 1855.
- 3d, David Chauncey, b. 28 March, 1815; m. 22 Sept., 1839, Frances Gardner. He died 24 Sept., 1845, at sea. She died 24 Sept., 1855. They had two

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- children, Sidney, b. 5 Jan., 1843; died 10 Sept., 1843; and Charles Bentley, b. 31 May, 1845.
- 4th, Theodore Dwight, b. 4 Feb., 1817; m. 27 Jan., 1847, Jane, daughter of Francis Maynard of Montville, and sister of Dr. Samuel E. Maynard. They had three children, Abby Jane, b. 15 Dec., 1848; Sarah Anne, b. 26 Oct., 1850; and Alice A., b. July, 1853; m. ———, Henry C. Dolbeare; died March 18, 1886.
- 5th, Mary Anne, b. 22 Aug., 1818; m. 29 Oct., 1839, Henry Fanning of Griswold. They settled at Newton Upper Falls, Mass. They had three children, Eugene, b. 17 March, 1842; Henry H., b. 10 June, 1851; and Francis, b. 13 April, 1854.
- 6th, Jane Maria, b. 17 Dec., 1819; m. 14 July, 1839, Jacob Johns of Norwich. They had four children.
- 7th, Sarah Anne, b. 14 Nov., 1821; m., in 1839, Marvin Leffingwell of Norwich. They had two children, Maria, b. 17 Aug., 1840; m. James Boobe; and Chauncy, b. 2 June, 1850; m. Frances Fanning.
- 8th, Lorinda, b. 4 March, 1824; died 1828.
- Almira, b. 27 May, 1792; died at Montville.
- Sidney, b. 17 April, 1795; m. 23 June, 1823, Maria Fanning, daughter of Thomas Fanning of Norwich. He was a farmer and died at Norwich 14 Sept., 1840. They had four children.
- 1st, Sidney Alfred, b. 19 March, 1824; died 22 June, 1847, unm.
- 2d, Sarah Ann, b. 3 May, 1826; m. 23 May, 1849, Daniel Price, who died 7 Aug., 1853, in California.
- 3d, Frederick Lester, b. 5 March, 1832; m. ———, was a merchant in Norwich, and living there in 1884.
- 4th, Charles Henry, b. 3 Aug., 1837; m. Ellen Chapel.
- John Fitch, b. 5 Nov., 1808; m. 25 Feb., 1829, Martha, daughter of John Crary of Boston. He was a farmer, settled at Montville, where he died. She died there. They had three children.
- 1st, Henry, b. 10 Feb., 1832; m. Caroline (Boobe) Shaw.
- 2d, Albert, b. 29 April, 1833; died 12 March, 1856.

He was crushed by a tree falling on him, while in the act of chopping it down.

3d, Mary Hellen, b. 23 March, 1838; m. Albert S. Beebe of Norwich.

IV. DAVID H. (55c), b. 2 Aug., 1778, son of David Gardner and Dennis Holmes; m. Nancy Comstock, b. 9 June, 1785, daughter of Ramsford Comstock and Azubba Davis. He was a farmer and settled at Bozrah. He died 14 April, 1863. She died 26 Sept., 1866.

#### Children.

- 86. Eliza, b. , 1804; died 21 Nov., 1873.
- 87. Hester, b. , 1806; died , unm.
- 88. Leonard, b. , 1808; was living in 1884.
- 89. Alvin, b. ; m. ——— Chapman.
- 90. Henry, b. ; m. Sarah Gardner.
- 91. David, b. ; m. Caroline Ford.
- 92. Lorinda, b. ; m. Russel Davenport.
- 93. Mary Ann, b. ; died unm.
- 94. Sophia, b. ; died unm.
- 95. Susan, b. ; died unm.
- 96. Almira, b. ; m. Andrew Miner.

IV. AZEL (56d), b. 5 Aug., 1780, son of David Gardner and Dennis Holmes; m. , Amy, daughter of Deacon Jehial Rogers and Amy Vibber. He was a farmer and resided in Bozrah, where he died 14 Nov., 1868. She died 21 Jan., 1866.

#### Children.

- 97. Anna, b. 15 March, 1813; m. Thomas Leach.
- 98. Cyrus, b. 25 June, 1815; m. Lucy Swan.
- 99. Darius, b. 31 March, 1818; m. Lucinda Butts.
- 100. Francis E., b. 8 Dec., 1819; m. Elizabeth Avery.
- 101. Amy, b. 14 May, 1823; m. Elisha M. Rogers.

IV. ERASTUS (60h), b. 16 July, 1789, son of David Gardner and Dennis Holmes; m. Anna C., daughter of Deacon Jehial Rogers and Amy Vibber. She died 21 Feb., 1832.

He afterwards married Eunice Hyde. He was a farmer and resided in Montville near Gardner's Lake. He died 20 July, 1866.

#### Children.

- 102. Artemus b. 24 Oct., 1814; m. 22 Feb., 1842, Hannah Chapman, b. 27 June, 1824, daughter of Joseph L. Chapman and Phebe Wickwire. He was a farmer; resided at Montville. He died 22 Dec., 1881. She died 2 Feb., 1884.
- 103. Sally R., b. 5 July, 1816; m. David Way.
- 104. Julia Ann, b. 9 July, 1818; m. Richard Raymond.
- 105. Charlotte, b. 4 Feb., 1821; m. ——— Bowen.

#### Child by Eunice.

- 106. Erastus H., b. 4 Dec., 1833; m. ——— ———.

IV. RODERICK (81), b. 20 July, 1788, son of Jonathan Gardner and Jerusha Hyde Stark; m. Emma Miner. He was a farmer; resided at Bozrah. His residence was near the outlet of Gardner's Lake. He died 1 Jan., 1849. She died 6 March, 1866.

#### Children.

- 107a. Dyer Hyde, b. ; m. Maria Fitch.
- 108b. Ulysses Seldon, b. ; m. Lucy E. Abel.
- 109c. Adolphus, b. ; m. Emeline Wentworth.
- 110d. Jackson, b. ; m. Fanny Randall.
- 111e. Russel, b. ; m. 1st, Fanny Abel; 2d, Jane Abel.
- 112f. Lucius L., b. ; m. Maria Etheridge.
- 113. Mary, b. ; m. George Maples; 2d, Nelson Chapman.
- 114. Austin, b. ; m. Delight Baker.
- 115. Anson, b. 19 May, 1827; m. Harriet Palmer.
- 116. Albert A., b. 26 Aug., 1831; m. Emma J. Arnold.
- 117. Emma E., b. 24 Aug., 1833; m. E. L. Lathrop.
- 118. Elisha, b. 13 July, 1836; m. Lizzie Packer.

IV. AMOS (66), b. 19 April, 1787, son of Isaac Gardner and Philomelia Ford, daughter of Benjamin Ford and ———. He died .

## Children,

- 107. Emily F., b. 10 March, 1814; m. Joseph G. Ford.
- 108. Emma L., b. 13 May, 1817; m. George L. Ford.
- 109. Sherwood, b. 7 Feb., 1820; died 1 Sept., 1841.
- 110. Mercy Ann, b. 24 May, 1824; died young.
- 111. Sarah Ann, b. 30 Jan., 1826; m. Henry R. Gardner.
- 112. Henry W., b. 11 Nov., 1833; died young.

IV. GILBERT (61), b. 21 March, 1785, son of William Gardner and Bathsheba ———; m., ———, Selina, daughter of George Holmes and Jemima Gardner.

## Children.

- Levi, b. 15 Dec., 1808; m. Eveline Smith.
- Sophrona, b. 11 July, 1811; m. Isaac W. Champlain.
- William, b. 10 Sept., 1813; m. Anna ———.
- Sarah, b. 10 Sept., 1815; m. ——— Burlingame.

## HILLHOUSE FAMILIES.

Rev. James Hillhouse came to New England early in the last century. His father, John Hillhouse of Free Hall, was the eldest son of Abraham Hillhouse, who resided at Artikelly. His uncle, James Hillhouse, was one of the commissioners to treat with Lord Mountjoy in the memorable defense of Derry against the forces of James II, and was mayor of Londonderry in 1693. This Abraham Hillhouse was among the signers of an address to King William and Queen Mary on the occasion of the relief of the siege of Londonderry, dated 29 July, 1690.

Rev. James Hillhouse was educated at the famous University of Glasgow in Scotland, and afterwards read divinity at the same college under the care of Rev. Mr. Simson, then professor of divinity there. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Londonderry in Ireland, and appears to have resided at or near the ancestral home till the death of his father in 1716. The estate descended to his older brother, Abraham. His mother died a few months afterwards, in January of the following year. Not long after that date he came to seek a home on this side of the Atlantic. He is supposed to have come with the other Presbyterian emigrants from the north of Ireland, who, in 1719, established themselves in New Hampshire, where the towns of Derry and Londonderry, and the Londonderry Presbytery are the permanent memorials of that migration. At the close of the year 1720 he appears in Boston, committing to the press a sermon which he had written nearly four years before on the occasion of his mother's death, but which does not appear to have been preached. "This work, though entitled a sermon," says his historian, "was more properly a treatise in a volume of



more than one hundred and forty pages." Cotton Mather speaks of its author as "a valuable minister," and "a worthy hopeful young minister lately arrived in America."

At the Parish meeting of the North Parish of New London (now Montville) held on the 5th day of February, 1721-2, it was voted, "that Mr. Joseph Bradford be chosen a committee to go to the governor, Mr. Saltonstall, and request him to write to Rev. James Hillhouse to ascertain if he could be obtained as pastor of the church." It is probable that the official acts on the part of Mr. Bradford were speedily performed, for on the third day of October, 1722, Mr. Hillhouse was installed pastor of the church in the North Parish of New London. This church was organized only a short time previous to the call given to Mr. Hillhouse. A full account of his labors as their pastor may be found in the Parish history, contained in this work.

REV. JAMES HILLHOUSE was born about 1687, and was married on the 18th day of January, 1726, to Mary, daughter of Daniel Fitch (one of his parishioners). She was granddaughter of the Rev. James Fitch, the first minister of Norwich. Mr. Hillhouse was pastor of the church about sixteen years, and the fruits of his labors still remain. He died young in the ministry, and his early death was probably hastened by the care and perplexity attending his troubles and lawsuits near the close of his ministry on earth. He died 15 Dec., 1740, aged 53 years. She died 25 Oct., 1768, aged 62 years.

#### Children.

2. John, b. 14 Dec., 1726; died 9 April, 1735.
3. William, b. 17 Aug., 1728; m. Sarah Griswold.
4. James Abraham, b. 12 May, 1730.
5. Rachel, b. 22 Jan., 1735; m. Joseph Chester.

II. JUDGE WILLIAM (3), b. 17 August, 1728, son of Rev. James Hillhouse and Mary Fitch; married 1 Nov., 1750, Sarah Griswold, b. 2 Dec., 1728, daughter of John

Griswold, and sister of the first Governor Griswold. He settled on the paternal estate at Montville, and continued to reside there until his death. He was greatly trusted and honored by his fellow citizens. He was one of the most prominent men in his native town, and a leading patriot in the Revolution. At the age of twenty-seven years he represented his native town in the Legislature of His Majesty's Colony of Connecticut, and was by semi-annual elections continued in that trust till, having become honorably known and esteemed throughout the state, he was chosen in 1785 an assistant in the Upper House. He was also for many years a judge of the county and probate courts. He was also a major in the Second Regiment of Cavalry raised by the state for service in the war of the Revolution. At the age of eighty, in the full possession of his powers, he declined a re-election to the council, and withdrew from public life. His journeys to Hartford and New Haven, and other places, were always performed on horseback. He was tall, spare, swarthy, with heavy overhanging eyebrows, quaint in speech and remarkable for simplicity of manners, combined with an impressive dignity. Mrs. Hillhouse died 10 March, 1777. He afterwards married 24 May, 1778, Delia Hosmer. He died 12 Jan., 1816.

Children by Sarah.

6. John Griswold, b. 5 Aug., 1751; m. Elizabeth Mason.
7. Mary, b. 10 April, 1753; m. 1st, William Prince; 2d, Rev. David Jewett, 2d wife.
8. James, b. 20 Oct., 1754; m. 1st, Sarah Lloyd; 2d, Rebecca Woolsey.
9. David, b. 11 May, 1756; m. Sarah Porter.
10. William, b. 7 Sept., 1757. He graduated at Yale in 1777. Was a lawyer, and died 23 Feb., 1833, unm.
11. Rachel, b. 17 Aug., 1760; m. Daniel F. Raymond.
12. Samuel, b. 17 Jan., 1762; m. Sarah Comstock.
13. Oliver, b. 11 Nov., 1764; died 27 June, 1771.
14. Thomas, b. 24 Sept., 1766; m. 1st, Harriet Hosmer; 2d, Ann Ten Brock.
15. Sarah, b. 12 May, 1773; died 14 Sept., 1778.

II. JAMES ABRAHAM (4), b. 12 May, 1730, son of Rev. James Hillhouse and Mary Fitch; married ————. She was a lady of French descent, whose grandfather fled to this country at the revocation of Nantes. She survived her husband and died in 1822, at the age of 89 years. Mr. Hillhouse was educated at Yale College, where he graduated in 1749, and was appointed tutor one year afterwards. He entered the profession of law about 1756 at New Haven, and was soon distinguished at the bar by his forensic abilities as well as by his learning. In 1772 he was elected one of the twelve assistants, who, with the governor and lieut.-governor, were the council or senate. Three years afterwards, at the noon of life, being only forty-six years of age, he was removed by death, leaving a name long held in remembrance among his townsmen. His Christian life and conversation were truly exemplary; he was adorned with graces of meekness, charity, and humility. He died childless, and his mansion in New Haven and growing possessions were without a lineal heir.

III. JOHN GRISWOLD (6), b. 5 Aug., 1751, son of Judge William Hillhouse and Sarah Griswold; married in 1786, Elizabeth, daughter of Jeremiah Mason of Lebanon. He settled at Montville, where he was a farmer. At the time of his death he was living on the farm next east from the Congregational Church. He was several times elected representative in his native town, a justice of the peace, and was judge of the county court. He died suddenly 9 Oct., 1806, while making preparations to start for Hartford as a member of the Legislature. She survived him and died in May, 1835.

#### Children.

16. Elizabeth, b. 22 Nov., 1787; died 13 Dec., 1807, unm.
17. Sarah Griswold, b. 31 Jan., 1790; m. 4 Nov., 1813, Joseph H. Belemy of Bethlehem, Conn., where he died 1 Nov., 1848. They had four children, John Hillhouse, David Sherman, both of whom died in childhood; Charlotte, m. Rev. N. W. Monroe of

Cambridge, Mass.; she died in Oct., 1757, leaving two children; and Elizabeth Mason, m. Rev. Aretus Loomis of Bethlehem.

18. Harriet, b. 28 May, 1792; m. 24 May, 1814, David Buel of Litchfield. He died 16 Aug., 1860, at Troy, N. Y. They had nine children, Samuel, who graduated at Williams College; David Hillhouse, he was a Episcopal clergyman, and married a daughter of Right Rev. Bishop Atkinson of North Carolina; John Griswold, he was a lawyer at Troy, N. Y.; Charlotte Elizabeth, m. Henry O. Lockwood of Rochester, N. Y., he was a merchant at Troy; Sarah Van Vechten; Clarence, he was a lawyer; Hampden, he was a merchant at Keokuk, Iowa; Olive Price, he graduated at Williams College.
19. Mary Ann, b. 9 Oct., 1796; m. in April, 1823, Dr. Elias Williams. They had two children, Mary E., b. in Jan., 1825; m. William Fitch, youngest son of Col. Asa Fitch of Bozrah, and had one son, William Asa. John G. Hillhouse, b. Aug., 1827; died young.
20. John Griswold, b. 4 Nov., 1802; died 28 Oct., 1808.

III. JAMES (8), b. 20 Oct., 1754, son of Judge William Hillhouse and Sarah Griswold; m. 1st, Jan., 1779, Sarah Lloyd, daughter of James Lloyd of Boston. She died 9 Nov., 1779, at the age of twenty-six years. They had one child, Sarah Lucas, who died in infancy, three days before its mother. He then married 10 Oct., 1782, Rebecca Woolsey. He was adopted and educated by his uncle, James Abraham Hillhouse of New Haven. He graduated at Yale in 1773, and was a lawyer. He received the degree of Doctor of Laws there in 1823. He was treasurer of the college fifty years, and the first commissioner of the school fund, from 1789 to 1791, was a member of Congress in 1791, and was afterwards sixteen years a member of the United States Senate. She died 30 Dec., 1813. He died 29 Dec., 1832.

## Children.

21. James Abraham, b. 26 Sept., 1789; m. Caroline Lawrence.
22. Augustus Lucas, b. 9 Dec., 1791; died in France, 1859, unm.
23. Sarah Lloyd, b. 7 July, 1783; died 26 June, 1853, unm.
24. Mary Lucas, b. 13 Sept., 1785.
25. Rebecca Woolsey, b. 12 Jan., 1794; m. 26 Sept., 1816, Nathaniel Hewitt, D.D., a Presbyterian minister. He became pastor of the Second Society at Bridgeport, Conn., at which place she died 4 Jan., 1831. They had six children, Rebecca Hillhouse; James Hillhouse; Nathaniel Augustus, who was an Episcopal clergyman, and afterwards became a Catholic priest; James Hillhouse; Sarah, twin to James H.; Henry Stewart, he was a physician, m. Catherine S. Hurd, daughter of Ferris Hurd of Bridgeport. After the death of his first wife Rev. Nathaniel Hewitt married 14 Nov., 1831, Susan Elliot, daughter of Rev. Andrew Elliot, and had by her one child, Rebecca Hillhouse.

III. DAVID (9), b. 11 May, 1756, son of Judge William Hillhouse and Sarah Griswold; married 7 Oct., 1781, Sarah Porter, daughter of Col. Elisha Porter of Hadley, Mass., granddaughter of Rev. David Jewett. They removed to Georgia. He was publisher of a newspaper at Columbia, South Carolina. She died 19 March, 1831.

## Children.

26. David H., b.
27. David Porter, b.
28. Thomas, b.
29. William E., b.
30. Caroline, b.
31. Sarah, b. ; m. Felix H. Gilbert of Georgia, and had one daughter, Sarah Hillhouse, b. in 1806, who married 29 April, 1823, Adam L. Alexander. They had twelve children. A son married the daughter of Hon. Robert Toombs of Georgia.
32. Mary, b.

III. SAMUEL (12), b. 17 Jan., 1762, son of Judge William Hillhouse and Sarah Griswold; married Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel Comstock and Sarah Bradford of Montville. He settled first at Goshen, Conn., and returned to Montville previous to 1806. He was a farmer on a large scale. He was deacon of the church at Montville. He afterwards removed to Wethersfield, where he died 21 Dec., 1834. She died previously at Montville 30 June, 1824.

#### Children.

- 33. William, b. 31 May, 1788; m. 1st, Mary Goodell; 2d, Eliza Fitch.
- 34. Nathaniel, b. ; m. Sarah Bradford.
- 35. Delia, b. 16 Aug., 1784; m. John Beach.
- 36. Samuel, b. ; died at Wethersfield, unm.
- 37. Mary, b. in April, 1787; m. Joshua Raymond.
- 38. Sarah, b. ; died unm.
- 39. Rachel, b. ; died unm.

III. THOMAS (14), b. 24 Sept., 1766, son of Judge William Hillhouse and Sarah Griswold; m. 1797, Harriet Hosmer, daughter of Hon. Titus Hosmer and Lydia Lord, and sister of Chief Justice Stephen T. Hosmer. He was a merchant and settled at Troy, N. Y., where she died 3 Oct., 1811. He afterwards married in Oct., 1812, Anne Ten Brock, and settled at Waterville, N. Y., where he was an extensive and wealthy farmer. He died 15 July, 1834.

#### Child by Harriet.

- 40. Harriet, b. 21 July, 1798; m. Cornelius Schuyler.

#### Children by Anne.

- 41. Sarah Anne, b. in July, 1813.
- 42. Thomas, b. 10 March, 1816.
- 43. John, b. 17 Dec., 1817.
- 44. William, b. 22 Nov., 1820; m. Cornelia Hillhouse, his cousin.

IV. JAMES ABRAHAM (21), b. 26 Sept., 1789, son of Hon. James Hillhouse and Rebecca Woolsey; married 23 Nov., 1822, Caroline Lawrence. He graduated at Yale College in 1808. He was a poet and of high literary attainments.

#### Children.

- 45. Cornelia, b. ; m. William Hillhouse.
- 46. Mary, b.
- 47. Isaphene, b.
- 48. Janis, b.

IV. WILLIAM (33), b. 31 May, 1788, at Goshen, Conn., son of Samuel Hillhouse and Sarah Comstock, married 13 June, 1822, Mary Goodell, b. in 1788. She died 11 Oct., 1824, leaving no issue. He then married 19 April, 1825, Eliza Fitch, b. 17 May, 1797, daughter of Rufus Fitch and Zippora Smith of Preston. He settled at Montville and was an extensive farmer. He resided several years on the Jewett farm. On 1 April, 1855, he sold the Jewett farm and purchased the Sherwood Raymond farm on Raymond Hill. Mr. Hillhouse and his wife were members of the Congregational Church at Montville. He died 29 Oct., 1867. She died 22 Aug., 1883.

#### Children.

- 49. James W., b. 27 April, 1826; m. 17 March, 1852, Louisa M., daughter of Lemuel R. Dolbear and Eleanor Raymond. He died from an injury received from being thrown from his wagon in Oct., 1854. He left one son and one daughter, twins; the daughter died in infancy, and the son, James William, b. 21 June, 1854, graduated at Yale in 1879.
- 50. Sarah, b. ; died in childhood.
- 51. David, b. 29 Dec., 1835; m. 20 March, 1860, Harriet E. Sweet, daughter of Dr. Stephen Sweet of Franklin. She died 22 Nov., 1880, leaving three children, William, b. 8 May, 1863; John Samuel, b.

11 Aug., 1869; and Sarah E., b. 11 March, 1877. He was a farmer and resided on the farm left to him by his father. He has held important trust offices in his native town and society. He died suddenly while at the house of S. Denison Bradford, on a neighboring call, 30 Oct., 1885, of paralysis of the heart.

IV. NATHANIEL (34), b. , son of Samuel Hillhouse and Sarah Comstock; married in Oct., 1816, Sarah Bradford, daughter of Joseph Bradford and Eunice Maples. He was a farmer and settled first at Montville. He removed about 1830 to Wethersfield, where he died 25 April, 1845.

Children.

52. Sarah Frances, b. 7 Aug., 1817; died 7 April, 1838, unm.
53. William, b. 18 May, 1819; died 16 Oct., 1821.
54. Joseph Sherwood, b. 15 March, 1821; m. 20 April, 1852, Ruth Smith Platt, who died 26 Nov., 1855, leaving two children, Samuel Sherwood, b. 1853, and died in 1854; Helen Frances, b. Jan., 1855, died April, 1855. He then married Sarah Isabel Foster 11 March, 1858, and had a daughter, Sarah Bradford, b. 7 Jan., 1862; m. William Hillhouse, son of David.
55. Samuel, b. 8 Sept., died 4 April, 1825.



## JEWITT FAMILIES.

Rev. David Jewitt, the second pastor of the church in North Parish of New London, now Montville, was the son of Stephen Jewitt and Priscilla ———, being a twin brother of Daniel Jewitt, born at Rowley, Mass., June 10, 1714. He was a great-grandson of Maximilian Jewitt, who was admitted a freeman in Rowley, Mass., in May, 1640. This Maximilian Jewitt is supposed to have been the son of Edward Jewitt of Bradford, Yorkshire, England, and Mary Taylor, who died in 1616. Maximilian had a brother William, who came over at the same time and settled in Rowley.

Maximilian married Sarah ———, and had one son, Ezekiel, born in 1643, and six daughters. Ezekiel married Faith Parrot, and had six sons and three daughters. His sons were Francis, b. 1665; Thomas, b. 1666; Ezekiel, b. 1669; Maximilian, b. 1672; Nathaniel, b. 1681; and Stephen, b. 1683.

Stephen, the youngest son, married July 12, 1708, Priscilla Jewitt. She had by him six children, and died Dec. 28, 1722. He afterwards married Lydia Rogers Nov. 23, 1725, and had by her one child. His children were Phebe, b. 2 Nov., 1709; Eliphalet, b. 22 Jan., 1711-12; David and Daniel, twins, b. 10 June, 1714; Solomon, b. 2 Sept., 1716; and Rebecca, b. Feb., 1718-19. By his second wife he had Priscilla, b. 30 June, 1727.

REV. DAVID JEWITT, b. 10 June, 1714, son of Stephen Jewitt and Priscilla ———; married Patience Phillips of Boston, Mass. He was a graduate at Harvard University in 1736, and ordained pastor of the Second Church in New London, North Parish, now Montville, October 3,

1739. His wife, Patience, died 14 Nov., 1773, aged 66 years. He then married Mary, widow of William Prince.\*

In 1738 Rev. David Jewett received a call by the Second Church of New London, North Parish. Previous to his installation over this church he had been employed as a missionary to the Mohegans, and much in favor with Ben Uncas, the sachem, and the foremost members of the tribe. Through his influence many of the Indians joined the church.

In 1756 Mr. Jewett was absent for several months as chaplain in the colonial army. This was a service to which he was afterwards often called. During both the French War, as well as in the Revolutionary War, many of the members of the Mohegan tribe were engaged.

Mr. Jewett was highly esteemed among his own people, and by his brother ministers of the county. He was a man of dignified deportment and very fervent in preaching. His animated manner and his energetic language made him very popular as a preacher. During his pastorate of about forty-five years, one hundred and thirty-six whites and twenty-one Indians received admission into the church. Between the years 1742 and 1759, from eighteen to twenty persons withdrew from the church and united with the "New Lights," as they were then called, who soon after emerged into the Baptist denomination. Isaac Hammond was one of the leaders in the movement, many others following him.

Rev. David Jewett died at Montville in June, 1783, while still pastor of the church. His last wife survived him, remaining on the farm with her son-in-law, Dr. David H. Jewett, until her third marriage in 1799. Mrs. Patience Jewett, though laboring under the disadvantage of having but one hand, could use the needle and spin linen, and perform all other household duties as well as many women with two hands.

During his last sickness Mr. Jewett made and executed a will, disposing of his worldly effects as follows:

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\* After the death of Rev. Mr. Jewett, his last wife, Mary, married 17 March, 1785, William Williams, and died 18 April, 1799, aged 77 years 4 mos.

“ Will of Rev. David Jewett, made 15th February, 1783. In the name of God, Amen: I, David Jewett of New London, North Parish, in the County of New London, and state of Connecticut, clergyman, calling to mind the frailty of human nature and admonished by age, being now in the 69th year of my age and 44th year of my ministry, being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God, therefore do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows:

“ First of all I commit my immortal soul into the hands of God who gave it, bearing my humble testimony to the truth, power and preciousness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, of which (the most unworthy) I have been made a minister and hoping through the richness of God’s grace and love in Christ to obtain pardon and acceptance with him to Everlasting Life.

“ My body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named, believing in and hoping for the resurrection of the just.

“ The flock over which I have been made an overseer I affectionately commit to the care of Christ, the compassionate shepherd of the sheep. My family I also commit to him in whom the families of the earth are blessed, and for this bleeding oppressed Country I pray with my latest breath.

“ Now as touching my worldly estate of which I thankfully own God the giver and proprietor, I give and dispose of the same in manner following:

“ Imprimis. My Will is that my debts with funeral expenses be timely and fully paid.

“ Item. My Will is that the agreement I made with my present beloved wife, Mary, written and confirmed at the time of our marriage, be punctually fulfilled.

“ I give to my beloved wife whatever wearing apparel and bedclothes have been made in the family since we have lived together. Also my best gown and easy chair. Also my famous old mare which she sits so much by. Also one-half

of the wool and one-half of the flax not worked up. Also a good milch cow.

“ I give to my only son, David Hibbert Jewett, the whole of my farm where I now live, requiring him to faithfully fulfill and execute this my Will, enjoining upon him to bring up to college his son, David Jewett, if God may please to smile upon the endeavors. Having previously given my son the Susquehanna purchase, I hereby renew the gift. Also all my personal estate, except what is otherwise disposed of.

“ As touching my negro woman servant named Violet, I give her the choice either to live with my son or otherwise with my granddaughter Sarah, the wife of Mr. David Hillhouse, and I give with my said negro woman her bed and bedding with all her wearing apparel and a cow for her support.

“ I give to my grandson, David Jewett, all my library of books not otherwise disposed of. Having heretofore given by deed to my grandchildren Samuel Porter and Sarah, the wife of David Hillhouse, two grants of land in the state of Vermont, I give unto my grandson, David Jewett, one other grant of land in said state of Vermont for which I have the Governor's receipt.

“ In addition I hereby give and bequeath unto my said grandchildren, Samuel Porter, Sarah Hillhouse, and David Jewett, the whole of what money I have in the Continental Loan Office, to be equally divided between them.

“ Item. I give to my son-in-law, Elisha Porter, Esq., of Hadley, Dr. Doddridge's Family Expositor, six volumes. I give to my people of this parish the works of the Reverend and dead Mr. Flavel, one volume folio to be for public benefit, leaving this as my parting advice that while they are destitute of a minister they forsake not the house of God.

“ Item. I give to the Church of my charge, ten pounds silver money to encourage a public stock for the poor and necessitous members of it, the yearly interest of it to be distributed at the discretion of the deacons for the time being, or

as the church shall see fit to order, the same to be paid to said Church or to their Treasurer or Committee by my Executor when he shall choose with lawful interest yearly from the time of my decease till paid, this I do hoping it may be followed by others according to their ability.

“Item. I give to my successor or successors in the gospel ministry (if God may graciously please to send them) and so long as he may continue them, Doctor Owen upon the Spirit, a book very difficult to be got and very precious in its wealth, reserving for my posterity forever the liberty of reading it.

“Item. I give to my grandson, Charles Jewett, the colt which my mare now goes with, being kept till two years old.

“I give to my granddaughter, Elizabeth Jewett, whatever remains of my household furniture not herewith disposed of.

“I give to my little granddaughter, Sarah Jewett, a cow to be put to use for her till she comes of age.

“I give to my great-granddaughter, Sarah Hillhouse, a cow to be put to use for her till she comes of age.

“I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said son, David H. Jewett, the sole Executor of this my Will, confiding in his faithfulness to see the same duly executed.

“Witnesses.

Pelatiah Bliss.

DAVID JEWETT. [Seal.] ”

Jno. Raymond, Jr.

Jas. Morris.

The above will was presented in court and probated June 9, 1783.

Inventory of his estate:

Farm with 2 dwellings and outbuildings,	£1,169	0s.	0d.
Personal, . . . . .	678	12	1
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Whole amount, . . . . .	£1,847	12s.	1d.

## HISTORY OF MONTVILLE.

### Children.

, Sarah, b. 25 Aug., 1741; m. 13 May, 1762, Col. Elisha Porter. They had a daughter, Sarah, b. 29 April, 1763; m. David Hillhouse, 7 Oct., 1781, and had six children. She died 5 April, 1775. The daughter died 19 March, 1831.

David Hibbard, b. 21 Aug., 1745; m. Patience Bulkley, daughter of Major Charles Bulkley and Ann Latimer. She was a granddaughter of Rev. John and Patience (Prentice) Bulkley, first minister at Colchester, and great-granddaughter of Gorham and Sarah (Chauncey) Bulkley, second minister of New London. She was a devoted Christian and a remarkable woman. Dr. David Jewett was a surgeon in the army of the Revolution. He died at Montville 26 April, 1814. The next year after his death his widow removed to Wilkesbarre, Penn., where she died Feb., 1830.

ance, b. Sept., 1770; died at the age of 7 years, 4 m. d, b. 17 June, 1772; m. Eliza Lawrence, daughter of Hon. A. H. Lawrence of New York city, in 1827. He was a lawyer and studied law with Gov. Griswold of Lyme, Conn. He went in early life to Spain with a relative. The sea voyage made him infatuated with the sea. After his return from Spain he studied navigation and received a commission of a vessel at the age of nineteen years. Afterwards he was captain of the ship "Trumbull," United States Navy, twenty years. He had under him as lieutenant his brother, Charles, with his brother George and cousin Jonathan Bulkley, midshipmen. Afterwards he served in Buenos Ayres and in Chili. On his return home was sent for by Don Pedro of Brazil, was there commander and on the establishment of the Brazilian Independence, with his own hand seized and raised the first flag of Brazilian Constitutional Independence. She died and was buried a few months afterwards. He died and was buried in Rio Janeiro in July, 1842. Said the Emperor Don Pedro to a son of Capt. David Jewett, while he was on his visit to this country with the Empress and their escort, "Admiral Jewett was one of

our heroes." Some of his officers said "they looked upon him as the people of this country looked upon Lafayette." He left one son, A. D. L. Jewett, a minister in New York city.

3. Anna, b. 1 June, 1774; died young.
4. Charles Bulkley, b. Dec., 1775; died young.
5. Charles, b. 9 June, 1777. He was a lieutenant in the United States Navy, and died 14 Feb., 1825, unm.
6. Elizabeth, b. 9 Oct., 1780; m. Phineas Waller 31 March, 1814. She died 21 Feb., 1859. He died June, 1859. They had 1st, David Jewett, b. 16 Jan., 1815; 2d, Charles Phillips, was judge; 3d, Hannah, m. Rev. Dr. Andrews; 4th, George Grant, a lawyer.
7. Sarah, b. 8 Oct., 1782; died 15 May, 1857, unm.
8. George, b. 22 May, 1785. He was lieutenant in the United States Navy, died unm.
9. Martha, b. 6 July, 1787.
10. Nancy, twin to Martha; m. Judge Collins. Had one son, Rev. Charles Jewett Collins.
11. Harriet, b. 16 Jan., 1791; died Nov., 1816, unm.

## LOOMIS FAMILIES.

**John Loomis**, who married, 18 Dec., 1760, **Rachel Harris**, born in Salem, Conn., 30 Sept., 1737, daughter of Jonathan Harris and Rachel Otis, daughter of Deacon Joseph Otis, was a son of Daniel, born 6 June, 1741, a descendant of Joseph Loomis of Windsor, Conn. He settled in Colchester, "Salem Parish," a farmer. He died 4 May, 1811, aged 70. She died 23 June, 1827, aged 90.

### Children.

2. **Jacob**, b. 19 June, 1761; m. **Solina M. Holmes**.
3. **John**, b. 17 April, 1763; m. **Hannah Buel**, 13 June, 1790.
4. **Rachel**, b. 15 May, 1765; m. **Oliver Warner**, Warren, N. Y.
5. **Elizabeth**, b. 15 March, 1767; m. **John Tenant**, Springfield, N. Y.
6. **Elsie**, b. 19 Jan., 1769; m. **Abel Newton**, Cooperstown, N. Y.
7. **Harris**, b. 9 Sept., 1770; m. **Lubinda Furman**, in 1793.
8. **Joel**, b. 6 May, 1773; m. 1st, **Hannah Angel**; 2d, **Ellis Chappell**.
9. **Hubbel**, b. 31 May, 1775; m. 1st, **Jerusha Burt**; 2d, **Widow H. Pratt**.
10. **Guy**, b. 31 July, 1777; m. **Abigail Derthick** in 1799.
11. **Elias**, b. 18 July, 1779; m. **Nancy Comstock**, 16 Sept., 1802.
12. **Elijah**, born twin to Elias; m. 1st, **Mary Allen**; 2d, **Nancy Dodge**.

II. **JACOB** (2), b. 19 June, 1761, son of John Loomis and Rachel Harris; m. 7 Dec., 1785, **Solina M. Holmes**, born about ———, daughter of Dr. Seth Wyman Holmes and Sarah Rogers, daughter of Alphous Rogers and Delight Harris. This Dr. Holmes was a physician, and lived in Mont-



ville, where he was a successful practitioner of the profession. He was engaged in the war of the Revolution, and held the title of captain. He was captain of a company in Colonel Samuel Chapman's regiment in 1778. Dr. Holmes died at Montville 12 Dec., 1821, aged 83. Jacob Loomis settled in Salem, a farmer. He died 12 Dec., 1838. She died 15 Oct., 1837.

#### Children.

13. Sarah R., b. 17 Nov., 1786; m. Dr. William Brown, 16 April, 1829.
14. Salina Matilda, b. 27 Feb., 1788; m. Jonathan Sisson, 4 Nov., 1810.
15. Rachel, b. 17 July, 1789; m. Amasa Loveridge, 29 March, 1815.
16. Mary, b. 6 June, 1791; m. Calob Loveridge, 18 Jan., 1818.
17. Elizabeth, b. 27 Jan., 1793; m. John Cushing, 6 Nov., 1820.
18. Jacob, b. 19 April, 1795; m. 1st, Amy Browning; 2d, Sarah M. Kimball.
19. Harriet, b. 29 Jan., 1797; m. Jesse Jerome, 24 Nov., 1831.
20. Lucretia R., b. 26 Aug., 1798; died 11 Nov., 1820.
21. Philena, b. 6 March, 1800; m. Caleb Miner, 4 Jan., 1826.
22. Louisa, b. 14 Nov., 1801; m. Daniel Pellet, Nov., 1830.
23. Seth W., b. 31 March, 1803; m. Lois G. Bishop, 2 Nov., 1826.
24. Hubbel, b. 27 Dec., 1804; m. Sophrona Strickland in 1830.
25. Almira T., b. 2 May, 1807; m. Daniel Brown, 8 Oct., 1829.

II. JOEL (8), b. 6 May, 1773, son of John Loomis and Rachel Harris; m. 1st, Hannah Angel, granddaughter of William Angel and Abny Harding of Warwick, R. I.; 2d, Ellis Chapel, daughter of Ezekiel Chapel and Sarah Gardner, daughter of David Gardner and Jemima Gustin. He settled in Lyme, a farmer, was Judge of Probate Court, and a member of the State Legislature in 1830. He died 1 March, 1867.

## Children.

26. Hannah, b. 7 Sept., 1797; m. Daniel Chapel, 3 Oct., 1814.
27. James, b. 30 March, 1800; m. Eliza H. Comstock, 1 Oct., 1820.
28. Eliza A., b. 27 May, 1802; m. Martin Ames.
29. Charlotte, b. 17 Jan., 1805; m. Marvin Fargo, 2 Oct., 1826.
30. Joel, b. 6 May, 1806; m. Emily Parker, 24 Feb., 1828.
31. Almene, b. 27 Sept., 1807; m. Henry Clark, 19 Oct., 1826.
32. Sarah G., b. 20 May, 1810; m. Osmond Darrow, 27 Oct., 1826.
33. Francis B., b. 9 April, 1812; m. 1st, Elizabeth M. Ing-ham; 2d, Angenora Beckwith.
34. Christopher C., b. 6 Feb., 1814; m. Jane M. Turner in 1836.
35. Emma A., b. 20 Sept., 1815; m. Orrin F. Smith, 2 Nov., 1831.
36. Ella, b. 27 Dec., 1816; m. Elisha H. Palmer, 30 Nov., 1837.
37. Cordelia F., b. 13 Aug., 1819; m. Seth Smith, 1 April, 1839.

## RAYMOND FAMILIES.

Richard Raymond, the ancestor of the large family of Raymonds, who have been residents of Montville since its first settlement, and who have been among its most influential and prominent citizens, makes his first appearance at Salem, Mass., where he and his wife Judith were members of the church in 1634. He was made a freeman there the same year. Richard Raymond (the name as then recorded was written "Rayment") with his sons, appears to have left Salem about 1650, and scattered themselves along the shore of Long Island Sound. He first settled at Norwalk, previous to 1654, and afterwards removed to Saybrook, where he died in 1692.

### Children.

2. John, b. ———, m. Mary Betts. They settled at Norwalk, where he died and left descendants.
3. Bathsheba, bap. 11 July, 1637.
4. Joshua, bap. 3 March, 1639; m. Elizabeth Smith.
5. Lemuel, bap. 3 Jan., 1641.
6. Hannah, bap. in Feb., 1643; m. Oliver Manwaring.
7. Samuel, bap. 13 July, 1645; m. Mary Smith, daughter of Nehemiah Smith and Ann Bourn. He settled at New London, where he died in 1705, leaving a considerable estate, but no children.
8. Richard, bap. 2 Jan., 1648.
9. Elizabeth, bap. 28 April, 1650.
10. Daniel, bap. 17 April, 1653; m. 1st, Elizabeth Harris; daughter of Gabriel Harris, and had two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah. After her death he married Rebecca Lay, daughter of John Lay of Lyme, by whom he had sons, Richard and Samuel, and probably others. His second wife survived him and married Samuel Gager of Norwich.

II. JOSHUA (4), bap. 3 March, 1639, son of Richard Raymond and Judith ———; married 10 Dec., 1659, Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Nehemiah Smith and Ann Bourn. He was one of the first purchasers of land in the North Parish of New London. He settled at New London, and for a short time may have resided on his farm in Montville, where he built a mansion, which was afterwards owned and occupied by his son Joshua. Mr. Raymond was actively engaged in the Pequot War, and was, by the council, appointed commissary of the colonial troops. A short time before his death he was directed to fit out a vessel at New London for the Barbadoes, with provisions for the troops. He was one of the committee appointed to survey and lay out a road from New London to Norwich, through the Indian reservation, lying in the present town of Montville. This road was afterwards made a turnpike, and was the first incorporated in the United States. Mr. Raymond received for his services in laying out this road a grant of land in Mohegan, on which his mansion was built. He died 24 April, 1676. His death was supposed to have been caused by a wound which he received in the "Great Swamp fight," with the Narragansetts, 19 Dec., 1675. His widow afterwards married, 26 Jan., 1681, George Dennis of Long Island, and died 1 May, 1712, aged 71 years.

#### Children.

11. Joshua, b. 18 Sept., 1660; m. Mercy Sands.
12. Elizabeth, b. 24 May, 1662; m. David Richards.
13. Ann, b. 12 May, 1664.
14. Hannah, b. 8 Aug., 1668; m. Thomas Avery.
15. Mary, b. 12 March, 1671-2; m. John Chandler.
16. Experience, b. 20 Jan., 1673-4; died 25 June, 1689.
17. Mahitabel, b. 19 Dec., 1675; died young.

III. JOSHUA (11), b. 18 Sept., 1660, son of Joshua Raymond and Elizabeth Smith; married 29 April, 1683, Mercy, daughter of James Sands of Block Island. His family resided at Block Island. Mr. Raymond, having his busi-





## Children.

24. Samuel, b.

25. Elizabeth, b. ———; m. James Greenfield.

IV. JOSHUA (23), b. about 1697, son of Joshua Raymond and Mercy Sands; married 31 Aug., 1719, Elizabeth Christophers, daughter of John Christophers and Elizabeth Mulford. He settled in Montville, and was active in the affairs of the town and church. He held offices of trust in both. He was chosen to represent the town in the General Assembly of the state, and served by re-election for several years. He was a justice of the peace from 1738 to 1743 for the county of New London. In 1738 he was commissioned lieutenant of the third company in New London. He with his wife united with the church in North Parish, 12 July, 1724, and was chosen deacon in 1740. He held the office of deacon until his death. She died 12 May, 1730, aged 30 years. He afterwards married Sarah Lynde of Saybrook, 23 Nov., 1730, and died 12 Nov., 1763. She died 19 Oct., 1771, aged 75 years.

## Children.

26. Elizabeth, b. 24 April, 1720; m. Oliver Hazzard of South Kingston, R. I.

27. Mercy, b. 24 Dec., 1721; m. Thomas Williams.

28. Joshua, b. 22 Dec., 1723; m. Lucy Jewett.

29. John, b. 18 Jan., 1725; m. Elizabeth Griswold.

30. Edward, b. 15 Feb., 1727; m. Sarah Douglass.

31. Christopher, b. 17 July, 1729; m. Eleanor Fitch.

V. JOSHUA (28), b. 22 Dec., 1723, son of Joshua Raymond and Elizabeth Christophers, married 4 Oct., 1750, Lucy Jewett, eldest daughter of Captain Nathan Jewett and Deborah Lord of Lyme. He settled at Montville, and owned the farm on which he lived, and situate about one-half of a mile west of the present Congregational church. This farm was a portion of the one formerly owned by his grandmother, Mercy Raymond, and was inherited by his father. Mr. Raymond was, like his father, possessed of large business qualifi-

cations. He was active in the society and church affairs. He represented the town of New London in the General Assembly for several years. He was chosen deacon in 1763, and held the office until his death, 14 Sept., 1790. She died 26 Feb., 1811, aged 81 years.

### Children.

32. Mercy, b. 6 Aug., 1751; m. John Raymond.
33. Joshua, b. about 1753; m. 1st, Mary Raymond; 2d, Elizabeth Prince.
34. Nathan, b. about 1754. He was a sergeant in his uncle Captain Joseph Jewett's company, and was taken prisoner at the battle of Flatbush. He died 16 Jan., 1777, of small pox, immediately after his return home.
35. Josiah, b. about 1757; m. Elizabeth Baker.
36. Mulford, b. about 1760; m. Eleanor Bradford.
37. Louisa, twin to Mulford; m. Nathaniel Lynde Raymond.
38. Charlotte, b. about 1763; m. Benajah Gardner of Rhode Island. He was a large landholder and farmer, and settled in Waterford. He had a large family, and died June, 1828. She died 23 May, 1854.
39. Lucy, b. 12 Nov., 1764; m. Nathaniel Bradford.
40. Mary, b. about 1766; m. Lemuel Raymond.
41. Jewett, b. about 1768; died 3 Oct., 1774.
42. Oliver, b. 24 Jan., 1771; m. 1st, Hannah Raymond; 2d, Mary Comstock.

V. JOHN (29), b. 18 Jan., 1725, son of Joshua Raymond and Elizabeth Christophers; married in 1747, Elizabeth Griswold, b. 16 July, 1728, daughter of the Rev. George Griswold of Lyme by his first wife, Hannah Lynde. He owned and occupied the old Raymond homestead near the head of Haughton's Cove. He was a military man; at one time he was lieutenant under Colonel Whiting in the French War. He was stationed at Fort Edward in November, 1756, from which place he wrote letters to his friends here at Mont-



ville on birch bark, wrapped in brown paper. She died 16 Jan., 1779, of small pox. He died 7 May, 1789.

### Children.

43. John, b. 7 Jan., 1748; m. Mercy Raymond (32).
44. William, b. 27 June, 1749. He was in the army taken prisoner, and whipped to death at Halifax. He was never married.
45. Elizabeth, b. 7 April, 1751; m. Joshua West.
46. Hannah, b. 28 Oct., 1752; died 10 Nov., 1834, unm.
47. Mary, b. 17 Oct., 1754; m. Joshua Raymond (33).
48. Nathaniel L., b. 18 Nov., 1756; m. Louisa Raymond (37).
49. Anna, b. 13 Dec., 1758; m. 1st, Captain Stephen Billings; 2d, George Dennis.
50. Eunice, b. 15 March, 1761; m. Henry D. Bolles.
51. Eleanor, b. 9 Nov., 1765; m. John Manwaring.
52. George, b. 8 Dec., 1767; m. Martha Smith.
53. Sarah, b. 4 March, 1772; m. Daniel Baker.

V. EDWARD (30), b. 15 Feb., 1727, son of Joshua Raymond and Elizabeth Christophers; m. 14 Nov., 1758, Sarah Douglass. He was a farmer, and settled in Waterford. He died 14 Sept., 1788.

### Children.

54. Caleb, b. 21 Jan., 1759; m. ———. He was a town clerk in Waterford 29 years.
55. Elizabeth, b. 25 Nov., 1761.
56. Mehitabel, b. 18 March, 1763.
57. Joshua, b. 2 Jan., 1766; died 13 Nov., 1789.
58. Hannah, b. 13 June, 1774; m. Oliver Raymond (42).
59. Sarah, b. 11 March, 1777.

V. CHRISTOPHER (31), b. 17 July, 1729, son of Joshua Raymond and Elizabeth Christophers; married about 1752, Eleanor Fitch, eldest daughter of Daniel Fitch and Sarah Sherwood. He settled in Montville, and owned the farm on which he lived, situate next west of the cemetery on Raymond Hill, afterwards owned by David Hillhouse.

He was a physician. He died 14 May, 1793. She died 17 March, 1826.

#### Children.

60. Sarah D., b. 20 Jan., 1753; m. John Dolbeare.
61. Daniel Fitch, b. about 1755; m. 1st, Rachel Hillhouse; 2d, Charlotte Comstock.
62. Abigail North, b. about 1758; m. Percz Comstock.
63. Christopher, b. about 1760; m. Nancy Mason.
64. Lemuel, b. ———; m. Mary Raymond (40).
65. Eleanor, b. ———; m. Levi Smith of Hartford.

VI. JOSHUA (33), b. about 1753, son of Joshua Raymond and Lucy Jewett; married 1st, Mercy Raymond, third daughter of John Raymond (29) and Elizabeth Griswold. She died the first year of their marriage, without issue. He then married Elizabeth Prince, b. 12 March, 1760, daughter of William Prince and Mary Holland. He settled at Montville and owned the farm on which he lived, situate near Massapeag. He was elected representative of the town in 1790, and also in 1797-98-99. He was treasurer of the town of Montville four years, and for several years held the office of justice of the peace. He died 5 April, 1806. His widow with her family removed first to Massachusetts, and afterwards settled in Colchester, Conn. At the time of her death, 2 Jan., 1844, she was living with her son Joshua.

#### Children.

66. Jewett, b. 16 Jan., 1785; m. Rebecca Osbun of New York. He removed into the state of New York, where he died and left children.
67. Mary, b. Nov., 1787; m. Jirah Williams, son of Enos Williams of Colchester. They first settled at Lebanon and afterwards removed into the state of New York, where they died and left three children.
68. Joshua Lord, b. 20 Jan., 1791; m. ——— Starkweather of Norwich, and settled at Colchester.
69. Sophia, b. 19 Nov., 1792; died at Lyme in 1847, unm.
70. Martha, b. about 1794; m. 11 Oct., 1816, Horace White of Lyme. They first settled at Lyme, but

afterwards removed to Mauma, Ohio. They had one son, Horace Frederick, b. 17 March, 1821, who was a lawyer, and settled at Chicago. She died in Chicago in 1853.

71. Lucretia, b. about 1707; m. ——— Saxton.
72. Eliza, b. about 1700; died in 1817 at Peru, Mass.
73. Joseph Holland, b. about 1801; m. Unity Kirtland.
74. Lucy, b. about 1803; m. Ira Geer of Peru, Mass.
75. Ursula Bradford, b. in 1806. After her father's death she married Captain John Mather Chadwick of Lyme. She died at Lyme in 1847, leaving one daughter.

VI. JOSIAH (35), b. ———, 1757, son of Joshua Raymond and Lucy Jewett; married 2 Sept., 1784, Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Joshua Baker and Abigail Bliss. He settled in Montville and owned the farm now occupied by Raymond N. Parish, next west of the Congregational church. He was erecting the dwelling-house now standing on the farm at the time of his death, 21 July, 1795. His death was caused by a bruise received upon one of his feet. After his death his widow married Deacon Robert Manwaring. She died 13 Feb., 1802, at Norwich.

#### Children.

76. Joshua, b. 13 June, 1785; m. Mary Hillhouse.
77. Orlando, b. 4 Nov., 1789; m. Elizabeth Nelson. He was a merchant, and removed to Iowa in 1820, where he was postmaster. He died there in 1829, leaving one daughter, Cora O., b. 8 Sept., 1827.
78. Josiah, b. 23 Nov., 1791; m. Judith Ransom.

VI. MULFORD (36), b. about 1760, son of Joshua Raymond and Lucy Jewett; m. ———, Eleanor Bradford, daughter of Samuel Bradford and Bridget Comstock. He was a farmer, and settled at Montville. The farm on which he lived until his death, and now owned by his heirs, was the adjoining one west of Nathaniel Parish's. He built the house now standing on the farm. He was a man of public

notoriety, and held many town offices. He died 3 June, 1835. She died 15 Nov., 1837, aged 75 years.

#### Children.

79. Charlotte, b. 21 Nov., 1784; died 28 Sept., 1872, unm.
80. Lucy Jewett, b. 18 Feb., 1787; m. Nathaniel Parish.
81. Eleanor, b. 14 March, 1789; m. Lemuel R. Dolbeare.
82. Sarah, b. 29 June, 1792; died 20 July, 1795.
83. Harriet B., b. 13 June, 1795; died 6 Dec., 1828, unm.
84. Sarah B., b. 4 Oct., 1797; died 10 Jan., 1887.
85. Mulford C., b. 23 July, 1800; m. Abby A. Turner.

VI. OLIVER (42), b. 24 Jan., 1771, son of Joshua Raymond and Lucy Jewett; married 3 Oct., 1793, Hannah, his cousin, daughter of Edward Raymond and Sarah Douglass. He settled at Montville, and owned the farm formerly occupied by his great-grandmother, Mercy (Sands) Raymond, and now occupied (1884) by S. Denison Bradford. She died 20 Aug., 1811. He afterwards married, 2 April, 1812, Mary Comstock, daughter of Nathaniel Comstock and Anna Stark, and removed to Lyne, where he died 29 July, 1862. She died 14 Feb., 1863, aged 78 years.

#### Children by Hannah.

86. Sarah D., b. 11 July, 1794; m. 22 Feb., 1829, Terrel Speed, b. 10 March, 1799, in South Carolina. He was a merchant and afterwards a planter, and settled in Georgia. They had three children, Elizabeth, Ellen, and Oliver Raymond.
87. Oliver, b. 16 June, 1796. He died at the age of 2 years, from falling into a tub of water.
88. Laura, b. about 1798; died young.
89. Hannah, b. 14 Sept., 1800; died unmarried.
90. Emeline, b. about 1802; died young.
91. Caleb, b. 31 May, 1804; m. about 1832, Julia L. Harron of Pensacola, Fla. He was a physician. He settled at Appalachicola in Florida, where she died in 1837, and he in 1838, leaving three children, Mary, Charles, and Henry Morgan.

- 92. James Harvey, b. about 1806; died young.
- 93. Joseph, b. about 1809; died young.
- 94. Alva, b. 20 July, 1811; died young.

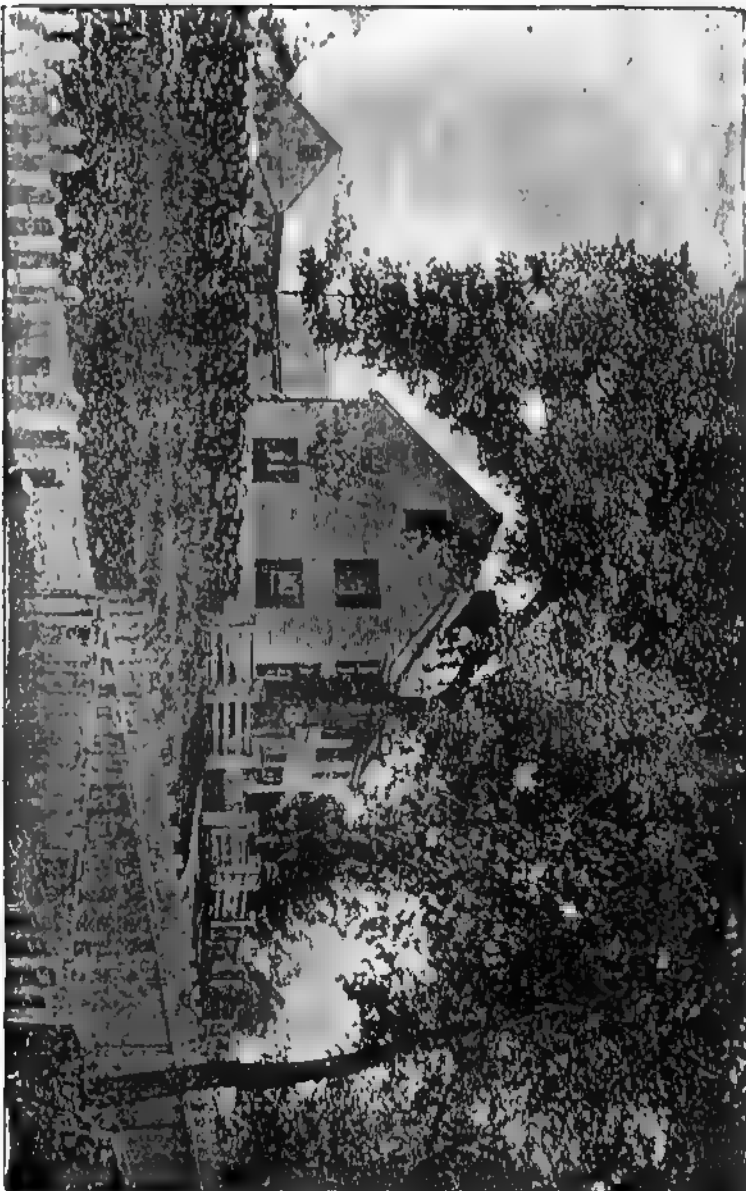
#### Children by Mary.

- 95. Mary Ann, b. 3 April, 1813; m. William Stark.
- 96. James Lawrence, b. 19 Sept., 1815; died young.
- 97. Jane Gray, b. 20 Dec., 1817; m. 25 May, 1846, James Rogers Morgan, b. 6 Nov., 1797, son of Phillip Morgan and Elizabeth Tinker of New London. She had one son, James Raymond, b. 23 Sept., 1847.
- 98. Adeline Comstock, b. 1 Nov., 1820; m. in Dec., 1849, Junius Marvin, b. 20 Oct., 1820, son of Judge William Marvin of Lyme. They settled at East Randolph, Wis., where they had three children, Cornelia, James L., and Jane M.; the last two were twins.
- 99. Thaddeus K., b. 6 March, 1823; m. 23 Feb., 1856, Mary Alicia Ayers, b. 4 May, 1838, daughter of Levi Ayers of Smithville, New York. They settled at Lyme and had two children, Olive Ayers and Levi Quincy.
- 100. Helen Louisa, b. 25 Aug., 1825; died 1 Nov., 1844, unmarried.
- 101. James Lawrence, b. 11 April, 1829.
- 102. Cornelia, b. 28 Feb., 1831; died 29 Feb., 1852, unm.

VI. JOHN (43), b. 7 Jan., 1748, son of John Raymond and Elizabeth Griswold; married 26 May, 1774, his first cousin, Mercy Raymond, daughter of Joshua Raymond and Lucy Jewett. He was a farmer, and settled at Montville. His farm was located next east from the Congregational church, and was afterwards owned by John G. Hillhouse. He was chosen first town clerk of Montville, and held the office sixteen years. He died at Montville 30 March, 1828. She died 30 June, 1833.

#### Children.

- 103. Jewett, b. 17 Feb., 1775; died young.
- 104. William, b. 3 May, 1778; m. Elizabeth Manwaring.



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105. Nathan, b. 11 July, 1781; m. 3 April, 1802, Hannah Sistare, b. 26 July, 1784, at New London. He was sheriff of New London county, and died in May, 1832, leaving three children, Fanny, Gabrel, and Edmund, who married Lucy Crocker, and had four daughters.
106. Mary, b. 11 July, 1781, twin to Nathan. She died 4 April, 1828, unmarried.

VI. NATHANIEL (48), b. 18 Nov., 1756, son of John Raymond and Elizabeth Griswold; married 23 Dec., 1784, his cousin, Louisa, daughter of Joshua Raymond and Lucy Jewett. He was a farmer and land speculator, and settled first in Montville. His farm was located one mile west of Haughton's Cove, on the road to the Congregational church. He sold his farm to William W. Haughton, and removed to Canterbury, and afterwards to Lebanon, where he died 15 July, 1829. She died 8 April, 1849.

#### Children.

107. John, b. 19 Sept., 1785; m. 22 April, 1833, Mercy, daughter of William Raymond and Elizabeth Manwaring. He was a ship carpenter. He died on his farm in Salem.
108. Nathaniel L., b. 13 Aug., 1787; m. 18 Oct., 1814, Sarah Ann Martin, daughter of John Martin and Nancy Wells of Seaford, Del. He settled as a merchant at Seaford. A short time after his marriage he was captured by the British fleet in the Chesapeake Bay, and carried a prisoner to the West Indies. While a captive there he suffered great hardships. He was liberated after a year's captivity. After his return home he became a ship master, and was engaged in the coasting trade. He died 15 July, 1822. She died 29 Jan., 1856, at Philadelphia. He had three children, Orlando, Lucy Jewett, and Mulford Sherwood.
109. Eunice, b. 14 Feb., 1790; died 13 Feb., 1820, unm.
110. Edward, b. 23 June, 1792; died 7 Sept., 1874, at Windham, Conn.
111. Mercy, b. 14 Aug., 1794.



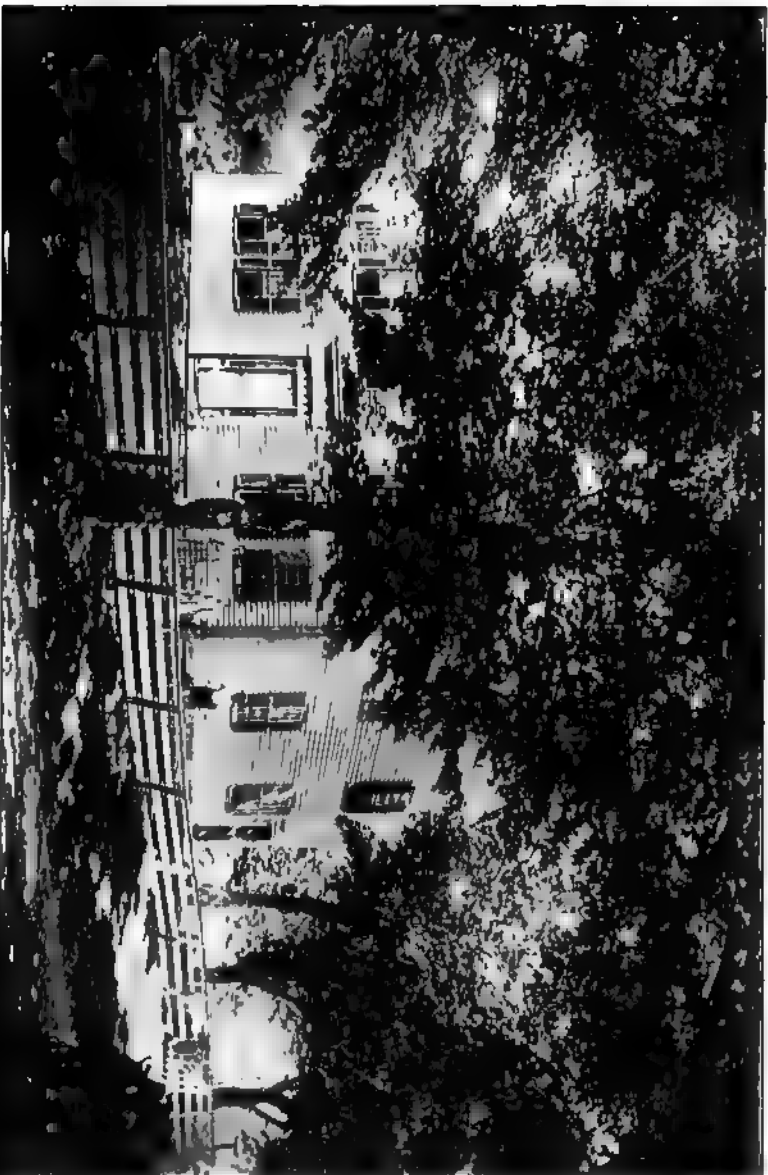
- 112. Mulford, b. 29 Sept., 1796; died in 1821, unm.
- 113. Oliver, b. 4 April, 1799; m. 21 Dec., 1828, Eunice B. Elliot of Franklin, N. Y. She died 27 Dec., 1859, in Michigan, and left seven children.
- 114. Lemuel, b. 4 June, 1801; m.

VI. GEORGE (52), b. 8 Dec., 1767, son of John Raymond and Elizabeth Griswold; married 9 Oct., 1796, Martha, daughter of Deacon Gilbert Smith of Groton. He was a farmer, and settled at Montville. He owned and occupied the old Raymond homestead near the head of Haughton's Cove. He died 24 Jan., 1852. She died 23 March, 1860.

#### Children.

- 115. Nancy, b. 28 Jan., 1798; m. William B. Dolbeare.
- 116. George, b. 19 Jan., 1801; m. 1st, Eliza B. Rogers; 2d, Eliza Peabody; 3d, Hannah Waterman.
- 117. Eunice, b. 16 Oct., 1803; m. William Raymond.
- 118. Elizabeth Griswold, b. 23 Oct., 1809; m. David R. Dolbeare.

VI. DANIEL FITCH (61), b. about 1755, son of Christopher Raymond and Eleanor Fitch; married 11 Oct., 1779, 1st, Rachel Hillhouse, daughter of Judge William Hillhouse and Sarah Griswold. He was a farmer, and owner and occupied the farm near Schofield's Sabinet Mill in Montville. This mill site was formerly a part of the Raymond farm. He sold it to John Schofield in 1814. Mr. Raymond and his wife united with the Congregational church at Montville, 1 Nov., 1801, and on the following Sabbath they had six children baptized by the Rev. Samuel Nott of Franklin. She died 2 Dec., 1811, aged 51 years. Upon her tombstone is this inscription, "The mother of thirteen children." He afterwards married, 18 Dec., 1812, Charlotte Comstock, daughter of Nathaniel Comstock and Anna Stark. He died 17 Oct., 1828, aged 73. She died 17 Aug., 1849, aged 66 years and 2 months.



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## Children by Rachel.

- 118a. James, b. 4 July, 1780; died 16 Sept., 1790.
- 118b. John, b. 11 March, 1782; died 25 Oct., 1784.
- 118c. William, b. 8 July, 1784; died 28 Feb., 1794.
- 119. Daniel Fitch, b. 12 Sept., 1786; m. 1st, Sarah Ames; 2d, Delila Mattock.
- 120. David Hillhouse, b. 26 Jan., 1789; m. Marian Leonard, daughter of Timothy Leonard of Lansingburgh, N. Y. He graduated at Yale College in 1810, and was a lawyer. He died in 1820 at St. Francisville, La., and she died 18 Sept., 1818, at Canton, Ohio.
- 121. James, b. 4 July, 1797; m. Caroline R. Thompson. He graduated at Yale College in 1818, and died in 1858. He had five children, David, Sarah H., Anna E., Thompson, and Calvin Colton.
- 122. Sarah Hillhouse, b. 21 Jan., 1791; died 10 April, 1818, unmarried, at Macon, N. Y.
- 122a. John Griswold, b. 31 July, 1792; died 29 April, 1798.
- 123. Mary, b. 28 Feb., 1794; died 30 June, 1819, at Montville, unmn.
- 124. Abigail North, b. 19 April, 1796; m. 16 Feb., 1820, the Rev. Calvin Colton, D.D. She died at Batavia, N. Y., 1 Feb., 1826. He died in Georgia in 1857, aged 65.

## Children by Charlotte.

- 125. William Fitch, b. 17 Oct., 1813; m. 1st, Lavinia M. Seymour, 15 Dec., 1852; 2d, Elizabeth Lord.
- 126. Charlotte, b. 24 Dec., 1817; died 27 Dec., 1835, at Fredericksburg, Md., unmn.
- 127. Albert C., b. 29 Sept., 1819; m. Esther Bidwell Roberts, 10 April, 1849. He was a farmer, and resided with his mother and older brother, William, at Montville, until about 1837, when they removed to Berlin, Conn., where his mother died. He afterwards settled in East Hartford, where he died 26 June, 1880, aged 61 years. He was a faithful and consistent Christian member of the First Congregational church at East Hartford, and at his death left by will the sum of ten thousand dollars to endow a public library in Montville, his native

town, and the sum of seventeen thousand to endow a public library in East Hartford, his adopted town; his wife having the use and income of the sums bequeathed during her natural life. It was said of him by the writer of his obituary, that "he was singularly successful in all his undertakings. In business life he was governed by unswerving integrity. He dispensed charity with discrimination. He was in hearty sympathy with every benevolent cause." She died at East Hartford, 16 Sept., 1883.

VI. CHRISTOPHER (63), b. about 1760, son of Dr. Christopher Raymond and Eleanor Fitch; married Nancy Mason, daughter of Jeremiah Mason, and Elizabeth Fitch of Lebanon. He settled at Montville, and was a farmer. The farm on which he lived was afterwards owned by James Alyn. He united with the Congregational church in Montville in 1814. He died 20 April, 1840. She died 28 April, 1848, aged 85 years.

#### Children.

128. Sherwood, b. 28 Oct., 1786; m. Fanny Fitch, b. 1793, daughter of Asa Fitch of Bozrah. He was a farmer and large landholder. He lived on the farm formerly owned by his grandfather and father. He was a man of ability and sound judgment in business, and was honored by his townsmen in being elected to fill important offices in the town and state. He was elected representative from his native town in the years 1823-27-29-31-35, and was elected a senator of the 9th Senatorial District in 1846. He united with the church in Montville on the 6th day of March, 1842. He contributed largely towards the new church edifice, which was erected the year of his death. He was greatly honored as a Christian and a citizen, and died respected by all his acquaintances, 31 Dec., 1846. His wife survived him, and died at Bozrah without issue, 30 Nov., 1877, aged 84 years. She was a devoted Christian woman, and gave large sums to benevo-

lent societies. None knew her but loved and respected her. She was kind to the afflicted, and generous to the poor.

129. Jeremiah, b. 16 Aug., 1791; m. Laura Browning.

130. Elizabeth M., b. about 1795; died 1 July, 1864, unm.

VI. LEMUEL (64), b. about ———, son of Christopher Raymond and Eleanor Fitch; married 24 Jan., 1786, Mary, daughter of Joshua Raymond (28) and Lucy Jewett. He first settled at Montville, and afterwards removed to Westfield, Mass., where his wife died in Dec., 1821.

#### Children.

131. Fitch, b. at Montville, and died in 1844, unm.

132. Lemuel, b. at Montville; m. Ann Dowd of Madison, Conn. They had one daughter, Sarah, who married Timothy F. Green, and settled at Malden, Ill.

133. Sarah, b. at Montville; m. Rev. Henry Ware, D.D., 7 July, 1792, professor of sacred literature at Harvard.

134. Mary, b. at Montville.

VII. JOSHUA (76), b. 13 June, 1785, son of Josiah Raymond and Elizabeth Baker; married 28 Sept., 1809, Mary Hillhouse, b. April, 1787, daughter of Deacon Samuel Hillhouse and Sarah Comstock. He was a farmer, and settled at West Hartford, where he died.

#### Children.

135. James II., b. 28 June, 1810; m. Charlotte Ann Hicks, 1836.

136. Elizabeth, b. 17 April, 1812; died 1836, unm.

137. Josiah, b. 7 Jan., 1815; m.

138. Samuel, b. in Jan., 1822; died in Jan., 1845, at the military academy at West Point.

139. Orlando, b. ———, 1816; died at the age of 14 years.

140. David, b. ———, 1826; m. ——— Wells.

141. Mercy, b. 20 March, 1828; died young.

**VII. JOSIAH (78),** b. 23 Nov., 1791, son of Josiah Raymond and Elizabeth Baker; married 10 Feb., 1817, Judith Ransom, born 11 Nov., 1795. He was a farmer, and settled in the town of Salem in 1880.

**Children.**

- 142. Elizabeth, b. 2 Dec., 1817; m. John Douglass, 3 Dec., 1838.
- 143. William T., b. 11 June, 1827; m.
- 144. Gideon F., b. 30 Oct., 1823; m. Harriet Wickwire, 9 Oct., 1854.
- 145. Orlando N., b. 20 Feb., 1831; m. Mary Fargo.

**VII. MULFORD C. (85),** b. 23 July, 1800, son of Mulford Raymond and Eleanor Bradford; married 16 Jan., 1827, Abby Ann, daughter of James Turner and Mary Baker. He settled at Montville, was a farmer, and held important offices of trust in the town. He was elected town clerk of the town in 1827, and was re-elected each year for twenty years. He was judge of Probate Court for the District of Montville three years. He was elected representative of the town in 1834. He died at Montville 25 July, 1891. She died at Niantic at the residence of her son, James M., 17 June, 1894.

**Children.**

- 146. Harriet B., b. 27 Aug., 1829; died 2 Aug., 1832.
- 147. Abby Turner, b. 28 Dec., 1832; died 13 Dec., 1833.
- 148. Ellen Christopher, b. 6 May, 1835; m. Nicholas Johnson; had daughter, Ellen, m. John Townsend.
- 149. James Mulford, b. 4 Feb., 1840; m. Fannie C. Comstock.

**VII. WILLIAM (104),** b. 3 May, 1778, son of John Raymond and Mercy Raymond; married 22 June, 1800, Elizabeth Manwaring, b. 22 June, 1778, daughter of Deacon Robert Manwaring and Elizabeth Rogers. He was a farmer, and owned the farm formerly owned by the Rev. James Willhouse. He was a man of large stature, and command-

ing appearance. He was much in public business, and held offices of trust in his native town. He was chosen representative in 1828 and died 27 July, 1842. She died 7 May, 1854.

#### Children.

- 150. Mercy, b. 21 May, 1802; m. John Raymond, 22 April, 1833.
- 151. William, b. 21 April, 1806; m. Eunice Raymond.
- 152. Richard, b. 24 May, 1811; m. Julia Ann Gardner.

VII. GEORGE (116), b. 19 Jan., 1801, son of George Raymond and Martha Smith; married 5 April, 1821, Eliza B. Rogers, b. 25 July, 1802, daughter of Thomas Rogers and Mary Baker. He was a farmer and first settled at Montville. He united with the Congregational church in Montville 3 July, 1831, and was chosen deacon in 1832. She died at Montville, 17 June, 1834. He afterwards married Eliza Peabody and removed to Preston. She died without issue. He then married Hannah Waterman, by whom he had one child, born after he was 70 years of age. He died at Preston in 1880.

#### Children.

- 153. Theodore, b. 13 Oct., 1822; m. Sarah Clark.
- 154. Martha Denison, b. 30 Sept., 1824; m. ——— Reynolds.
- 155. Mary Caroline, b. 18 July, 1827; m. ——— Goodspeed.
- 156. Laura Augusta, b. 11 Aug., 1829; m. ——— Hagerman.
- 157. Eliza Rogers, b. 17 June, 1834; m. Oliver Geer.

VIII. WILLIAM (151), b. 21 April, 1806, son of William Raymond and Elizabeth Manwaring; married 5 July, 1829, Eunice Raymond, daughter of George Raymond and Martha Smith. He settled at Montville, was a farmer. The farm owned by him, and on which he lived for a number of years previous to his death, was the west half of that on which his father lived. After his father's death, the home-



stead was divided between William and his brother Richard. She died 5 Feb., 1880. He died 9 April, 1882.

#### Children.

- 158. Elizabeth M., b. 29 July, 1831; m. Allison B. Ladd.
- 159. Eunice Ann, b. 1 April, 1835; m: 1st, Charles F. Ames; 2d, Calvin Allyn.
- 160. Adelaide L., b. 26 March, 1841; m. Henry W. Rogers.
- 161. Lucy, b. ———, 1845; m. Enoch Bulkley.

VIII. RICHARD (152), b. 24 May, 1811, son of William Raymond and Elizabeth Manwaring; married about 1836, Julia Ann Gardner, daughter of Erastus Gardner and Anna C. Rogers. He settled at Montville, was a farmer, and owned the east half of the farm which belonged to his father at his decease, and was the one owned and occupied by the Rev. James Hillhouse. He died 30 Nov., 1878. She was living on the homestead in 1884.

#### Children.

- 162. Robert, b. 10 Feb., 1837; m. Lydia Babcock.
- 163. Frances Ann, b. 13 Dec., 1839; m. D. Chester Comstock.
- 164. Mercy E., b. 29 Nov., 1841; m. John Manwaring.
- 165. Julia, b. 10 July, 1844; m. J. Raymond Douglass.
- 166. Henry, b. 11 Dec., 1847.
- 167. William, b. 10 Jan., 1850; m. Edith Gates.
- 168. Sherwood, b. 19 Aug., 1853; m. Betsey Gardner.
- 169. Sarah, twin to Sherwood; died 28 March, 1855.
- 170. John, b. 1 April, 1856; died 24 Sept., 1857.

VIII. JAMES MULFORD (149), b. 4 Feb., 1840, son of Mulford C. Raymond and Abby Ann Turnor; m. ———, Fanny C. Comstock, daughter of David Comstock and Almira (Fitch) Baker. She died at Niantic 10 March, 1893. He has since remarried.

#### Children.

- 171. Ellen C., b. 19 Nov., 1865; died 27 Aug., 1884.
- 172. Fanny, b. 5 May, 1868.
- 173. Charles, b.

## RICHARDS FAMILIES.

NEHEMIAH RICHARDS, b. 20 Nov., 1739, was probably a grandson of Lieut. John Richards of New London, who married Love Manwaring, daughter of Oliver, and died at New London 2 Nov., 1720, aged 54 years. This Nehemiah Richards had a son, Nehemiah, b. 17 Sept., 1769; and married 5 Jan., 1794, Love Richards, b. 11 April, 1778, daughter of Jabez Richards. He settled in Montville; a farmer. She died 29 June, 1858.

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### Children.

1. Nehemiah, b. 16 Nov., 1794; died unm.
2. Joshua, b. 5 March, 1796; m. Abby (Richards) Moore.
3. Edmond, b. 21 Aug., 1798; m. Lydia Bolles.
4. Lyman, b. 26 May, 1801; m.
5. Christian, b. 21 May, 1805; m. Isaac Scholfield.
6. Isaac, b. 26 April, 1809; m. Maria Thompson.
7. Marvin, b. 31 March, 1812.
8. George, b. 23 June, 1815.
9. Josiah, b. 20 April, 1820.

### SWADDLE FAMILIES.

William Swaddle was an inhabitant on the east side of the river, Groton, in 1689, where his cattle mark was recorded. He was impaneled on a jury of inquest May 31, 1703, to view the body of Edward Stallion, who was drowned by falling out of his canoe on the 14th day of the same month. The name of his wife is supposed to have been Esther. She had a son, William, baptized in New London 5 March, 1692, and daughters, Mary, baptized in 1695, and Hannah in 1697. Their daughter, Irena, was baptized 10 Sept., 1704.

William Swaddle, Jr., was married 22 Jan., 1718, to Elizabeth Crocker, and had James, b. 23 Dec., 1719; Samuel, b. 26 Jan., 1722; and Elizabeth, b. 23 March, 1724. Their births are all found on Groton records.

SAMUEL, b. 26 Jan., 1722, son of William Swaddle and Elizabeth Crocker; married Delight Bliss, b. about 1729, daughter of Pelatiah Bliss and Sarah Harris. He settled in Montville and lived on the road that runs from Chapel Hill to New London.

#### Children.

2. Theoda, b. ; m. Jedediah Chapel, 1st wife.
3. William, b. ; m. Jemima Chapel.
4. Delight, b. ; m. Guy Chapel.
5. Lucy, b. 8 March, 1753; m. Jedediah Chapel, 2d wife.

WILLIAM (3), b. , son of Samuel Swaddle and Delight Bliss; married Jemima Chapel, daughter of Richard Chapel and Jemima Comstock. He settled in Montville and lived on the farm now owned by Ulysses M. Comstock. He died in January, 1789. His death was caused by falling upon an auger that was fastened to his sled as he was riding

home from New London. His widow afterwards married  
—— Congdon, and died 8 Feb., 1851.

Children.

6. James, b. 3 Jan., 1783; died 28 May, 1860, unm.
7. Sarah, b. 3 June, 1785; m. Silas Rogers.
8. Delight, b. 2 Jan., 1788; m. Zebediah Comstock. Their son, Ulysses M., married Maria Chappell, daughter of Sterling Chappell, and had 1st, Happy M., b. 2 March, 1852; 2d, Sarah Ann, b. 22 May, 1853; 3d, William S., b. 3 Dec., 1859; 4th, Iantha M., b. 10 Oct., 1855; 5th, Ulysses, b. 28 April, 1861; 6th, Anson W., b. 4 Jan., 1865; 7th, Lillian R., b. 19 Feb., 1867; 8th, Jemima V., b. 27 Aug., 1869; 9th, George W., b. 12 March, 1872; 10th, Maria B., b. 20 May, 1874.

## THOMPSON FAMILIES.

Isaac Thompson first appears as an inhabitant of the North Parish of New London about 17 , and came from Westerly, R. I., son of Isaac Thompson, who died at Westerly in 1738, and Mary Holmes, who died in 1751, daughter of Joshua Holmes and Abigail Chesebrough. From the Westerly records it appears that Joshua Holmes "sold to his son-in-law, Isaac Thompson, one hundred acres of land, with a dwelling thereon, situated at Westerly, R. I.," in 1694. This Isaac Thompson, Sr., was probably the son of Benjamin Thompson and wife Prudence, of Roxbury, in 1699 a physician.

Isaac Thompson, Sr., and Mary Holmes had the following children, born at Westerly: 1st, Mary, b. 1 July, 1697; 2d, Isaac, b. 26 Sept., 1698; 3d, Samuel, b. 29 July, 1700; 4th, Abigail, b. 1 Jan., 1701; 5th, Sarah, b. 3 March, 1703; 6th, William, b. 10 April, 1704; 7th, Nathaniel, b. 31 Dec., 1705; 8th, Anna, b. , 1806; 9th, Elias, b. 14 Nov., 1708; 10th, Mary, b. 18 March, 1710; 11th, Abigail, b. 14 Oct., 1711; 12th, Susanna, b. 25 Nov., 1713; 13th, Joshua, b. 13 Aug., 1714; 14th, Prudence, b. 11 March, 1716.

Isaac Thompson, Jr., b. 26 Sept., 1698, son of Isaac Thompson and Mary Holmes, probably married in Rhode Island before removing to Connecticut. The name of his wife has not been recovered, but William and Samuel are supposed to have been his children. He settled on land located in the northwest part of North Parish, between Gardner Lake and Oxoboxo Pond; some of his descendants afterwards were located on the west side of the pond. His descendants in the first part of the nineteenth century were quite numerous, but very early in the century many of the families removed to other parts of the country, some moved to Nova

Scotia, and others removed to the western states, so that as late as 1850 only a few families of the name remained. The line of connection between the families is not as clear as is desired. The dates of births are very hard to find, and the land records show but a meager evidence of facts relating to the family.

Samuel Thompson, who is known to have been a resident here, was supposed to have been the son of Isaac, Jr. In the year 1755 he was chosen a collector of the "minister's rates." He had sons, William, Samuel, and Nathaniel, and daughter, Anna, married Jeremiah Vallet. William married Lucretia ———, and had sons, Elias, b. 10 Jan., 1772, and Jabez, b. 21 Feb., 1775, and daughter, Lovice, b. 6 April, 1769, she being the eldest child, and married Dea. Caleb Lyon. William, the father, died in 1834. Samuel, another son of Isaac Thompson, Jr., married Margaret Fox, daughter of Samuel Fox and Abigail Harris, and had a son, Samuel, who married Susanna Rogers, daughter of Jeremiah Rogers and Susanna Congdon, they had children, Sarah Ann, bap. 8 May, 1807; John, bap. 15 Oct., 1808; Margaret, bap. 9 Jan., 1811; Lucretia, bap. 2 July, 1814; Lydia, bap. 18 Sept., 1817; and Florimal Fox, bap. Sept., 1821.

NATHANIEL, b. about 1735, son of Isaac Thompson, Jr.; married Delight Fox, sister to Samuel's wife. He died 14 June, 1828, age 93 years. She died 4 Feb., 1815, age 75 years.

#### Children.

1. Alpheus, b. ; m.
2. Isaac, b. ; m. 7 March, 1799, Eunice Allen, and had George Stanton, b. 16 April, 1800, and Nathaniel Allen, b. 17 June, 1804.
3. Gardner, b.
4. Burrel, b. ; m. Mary Bishop.
5. Abby, b. ; m. Asa Manwaring.
6. Parthena, b. 22 April, 1776; died 8 Aug., 1860, unm.
7. Edna, b. 8 Aug., 1780; m. Hazzard Browning.
8. Achsa, b. 21 Nov., 1781; m. John H. Allen.

**ELIAS THOMPSON**, b. 10 Jan., 1772, son of William and Lucretia ———; married Rosanna Harris, b. about 1767, daughter of Ephraim Harris and Lydia Beebe.

Children.

9. Elias, b. about 1804; m. Sarah Williams.
10. Elisha, b. ; m. Jemima Gardner.
11. James, b. ; m. ——— Whitman.
12. John, b. ; m. ——— Lord.
13. William, b.
14. Lucretia, b. ; m. ——— Gardner.
15. Mary, b.
16. Annah, b.

**JABEZ THOMPSON**, b. 21 Feb., 1775, son of William and Lucretia ———; m. 1st, Eunice Harding; 2d, Sarah Morgan. He lives on the old Colchester road at the corner of the road leading from the old Colchester road to Oxoboxo.

Children by Eunice.

17. Abby, b.
18. Eunice, b. ; m. W. N. Clark.

Children by Sarah.

19. Nancy, b. ; m. John Crocker.
20. Maria, b. ; m. Isaac Richards.
21. Harriet, b. ; m. Ebenezer W. Beebe.
22. Sarah, b. ; m. Amos Bill.
23. William, b. ; m. Eliza Green.
24. Jabez, b. ; died unm.
25. Isaac, b. about 1809; m. Hannah Chappell.
26. Guy, b. ; m. Sarah Ann Mitchel.

**ELIAS THOMPSON**, b. about 1804, son of Elias Thompson and Rosanna Harris; married 24 March, 1822, Sarah Williams. He lived on the farm afterwards owned by Isaac S. Champlin, about 1830.

## Children.

27. James H., b. 17 Dec., 1823; m. Fannie Bill.
28. Elias, b. 6 June, 1825; m. Sarah Craig.
29. David F., b. 13 March, 1828; m. Hannah Williams.
30. Oremel W., b. 31 May, 1831; died 18 Sept., 1884.
31. Calvin Dwight, b. 28 May, 1833; m. Maria Dart.
32. Martin V. B., b. 24 Aug., 1835; m. Angeline Gardner.
33. Mary L., b. 2 Dec., 1838; m. George D. Beach.
34. George W., b. 26 Sept., 1842; m. Elizabeth A. Woolworth.



## TUTTLE FAMILIES.

Daniel Tuttle appears to be an inhabitant of the North Parish, where he married 24 April, 1728, Sarah Comstock, daughter of Samuel Comstock and Sarah Douglass. He settled at Mohegan, living on one of the farms rented by the overseer of the Mohegan tribe of Indians. He with his wife united with the Congregational Church on Raymond Hill the 8th day of June, 1729.

### Children.

2. Ann, bap. 8 June, 1729.
3. Elizabeth, bap. 25 April, 1731.
4. Daniel, b. about 1733; m. Thankful Bliss, b. about 1733, daughter of Peletiah Bliss and Sarah Harris. They had a son (5) Peletiah, who married, 1st, Sarah Rogers, daughter of Thomas Rogers and Sarah Fitch. She died about six months after their marriage. He then married Nov., 1783, Betsey Swaddle, daughter of Samuel Swaddle. Daniel the father died soon after the birth of his son, Peletiah, and his widow then married Gideon Baker.

PELETIAH (5), b. about 1757, son of Daniel Tuttle and Thankful Bliss; married 1st, Sarah Rogers; 2d, Betsey Swaddle. He settled in Montville and lived at Mohegan.

### Children, all by Betsey.

6. Joseph, b. 22 Oct., 1784; m. ——— Hill.
7. Daniel, b. 30 May, 1786.
8. John, b. 18 May, 1788.
9. Sarah, b. 1 Aug., 1791.
10. Elizabeth, b. 26 May, 1794; m. Thomas Rogers.

11. Sanford, b. 16 Oct., 1795.
12. Thankful, b. 14 Oct., 1797.
13. Mary, b. 27 Feb., 1800.
14. James, b. 9 Aug., 1802.
15. Peletiah, b. 20 Oct., 1805.
16. Charles, twin to Peletiah.

### ALDEN FAMILIES.

The Rev. Abiahai Alden, fifth pastor of the Congregational Church at Montville, was born at Stratford, Conn., the 28th of January, 1785, son of Joseph Alden and Susanna Packard, and a descendant of John Alden, born 1599, who came in the Mayflower in 1620, through Joseph (2) 1624, Joseph (3) 1667, Daniel (4) 1691, Joseph (5) 1718. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1787, and his first settlement in the ministry was at Millington, Conn., where he was ordained in 1791. He continued in the faithful performance of his duties as a minister of the gospel at that place eleven years, and was dismissed in 1802.

He received a call from the church at Montville in May, 1808, which call he accepted, and was installed its pastor the 17th day of August following. There were present as the installing council the Rev. Levi Hart, moderator; the Rev. Joseph Strong, the Rev. Moses C. Welch, the Rev. Jonathan Murdock, the Rev. Henry Channing, scribe, and the Rev. Royal Tyler.

The Rev. Abiahai Alden was a faithful, devoted pastor, a man of sound judgment, devout and dignified in his demeanor, sound and orthodox as a theologian, and quite acceptable as a preacher. His sermons were always appropriate to the time and occasion, that called for special themes. He was generally loved and respected by his parishioners.

Near the close of his ministry there were certain persons who thought a more popular minister ought to be obtained, a man younger, and of more animation when preaching, and better qualified to interest the young people of the parish. This feeling continued to grow stronger on the part of the younger members of the congregation, and shared by a few of the older ones, until the pastor was compelled to resign his position as

pastor of the church, and was dismissed by council the 26th day of April, 1826, after a pastorate of nearly twenty-three years.

During his pastorate at Montville, he admitted into the church, on profession of their faith, one hundred and eighty-two persons, and baptized, by sprinkling, one hundred infants. He also joined in marriage ninety-four couple. After Mr. Alden was dismissed from the Congregational Church at Montville, he preached at Grassy Hill, Lyme, twelve months, between May, 1830, and May, 1831. He removed from Montville to Dover, N. H., about 1832, where he died, 11 Oct., 1833.

The Rev. Abishai Alden was married to Elizabeth Parker 16 Aug., 1792. She was born 7 Nov., 1767, daughter of Dr. Jonathan Parker and Dolly Coffin of Litchfield, N. H. She died at Dover, N. H., 14 July, 1852. Mrs. Elizabeth (Parker) Alden was a descendant from James Parker, born in England about 1617, and who settled at Groton, Mass., through Josiah (2); Rev. Thomas (3); Dr. Jonathan (4).

#### Children.

1. Almira, b. at Millington, 6 July, 1793; m. Rev. David Root, and had children Elizabeth, Almira, Caroline, and David. She died 10 Aug., 1832.
2. Dolly Coffin, b. at Millington 22 Feb., 1795; died young.
3. Augustus, b. at Millington 26 Nov., 1796; m. ——— Lampkin, daughter of Governor Lampkin of Georgia, and had Ann, Elizabeth, Morcella, Almira, Florence, Oscar, and Lampkin. He died 13 July, 1870.
4. Sophrona, b. at Millington 8 Sept., 1799; m. ——— Wilson, and had Edmond and Lucilla. She died 1 April, 1836.
5. Elizabeth Parker, b. at Millington 1 April, 1802; m. Oliver Blockley, and had Elizabeth and Henry. She died 1 Feb., 1833.
6. Edward Parker, b. at Montville 17 April, 1805. He died 12 April, 1833, unmarried.

7. William Hillhouse, b. at Montville 21 Nov., 1809; m. Harriet B. Riley of Dover, N. H., and had 1st, Elizabeth Ann, b. 3 July, 1838; m. Dr. George M. Beard, son of Rev. Spencer F. Beard, a former pastor at Montville. They had two children, Edith May, b. 7 Jan., 1873, and Grace Alden, b. 27 Sept., 1874. Dr. Beard died at New York, 23 Jan., 1883. She died 31 Jan., 1883. Edith May, their daughter, died 26 July, 1873.

2d, John Abishai, b. 10 April, 1840.

3d, William Henry, b. 28 Oct., 1843; m. Helen Milledolor; no issue.

4th, Mary Blockley, b. 13 Jan., 1846.

5th, Edward Augustus, b. 4 Sept., 1848.

6th, David Root, b. 20 Nov., 1851.

7th, Harriet Riley, b. 29 March, 1856.

8th, Oliver Blockley, b. 16 Aug., 1858.

The following lines were written on the death of Rev. Abishai Alden soon after his decease, by J. Hill of Dover, N. H., and published in one of the newspapers of the city:

“Thou art gone, good old saint, thou art gone to thy rest,  
From sorrow and care set free,  
When happy forever among the blest  
Thou art there to spend thine eternity.

‘Thou dwelt many years in this troublesome world,  
Where sorrow and conflicts arise,  
But now, to thy sight bright heavens unfold,  
Thy spirit has flown to the skies.

‘Death has knocked off the shackles that bound thy good soul  
To withering object below;  
Thy spirit has flown to the heavenly goal,  
Where long it has fluttered to go.

“Thou didst come to a stranger’s land to die,  
Thou art welcome to the sod;  
Thou art welcome among our dead to lie  
Till thou hearest the trump of God.

Then arise, noble saint, in triumph arise,  
And soar above the skies;  
There thou shalt behold with unclouded eyes,  
And enjoy the well-earned prize.”

## LORENZO DOW.

Lorenzo Dow was born in Coventry, in this state, 16 October, 1777. His father, Ephraim Dow, was born in the same town, and was a descendant from English ancestors, of the fourth generation. William, who was the father of Ephraim, came with his father and grandfather from Norfolk, England, and settled in America. William had four sons; one went to seek his fortune and was never heard from afterwards. One settled in Voluntown, Conn. Another settled in Plainfield, Conn., and Ephraim settled in Coventry. His wife was a daughter of Humphrey Clark of Ipswich, Mass.

Ephraim Dow, the father of Lorenzo, married a daughter of James Parker, son of Joseph Parker, whose parents came from England, and was murdered by the Indians. Himself, with the other children, escaped from the Indians by hiding in the grass and brush, though in sight of the savage foes. One of the children was an infant, which the sister dropped from her arms in her fright, and Joseph, the elder brother, picked it up. The child being very quiet, they were all saved. Joseph Parker settled in Coventry, and built the first house erected in that town. He died there at the advanced age of ninety-four years. The Parkers of this line are said to have been descendants from Lord Parker of Macclesfield, England, who is supposed to have descended from one of the natural children of King Charles II, who is said to have descended from William the Conqueror.

Lorenzo Dow was one of the most conspicuous characters in America at the beginning of the nineteenth century. He joined the Methodists when young. Having heard much said regarding that sect that did not impress him very favorably, and having the curiosity to see one himself, he, at a convenient

opportunity, went to one of their meetings. He says, "I went to the door and looked in to see a Methodist, but, to my surprise, he appeared like other men." He finally became a Methodist himself and ultimately a traveling preacher.

On making religious profession he says, "Having been sprinkled in my infancy, and not feeling altogether satisfied, I had the rite performed as a declaration to the world of my own voluntary dedication of myself to God and his service." He entered the ministry at the age of twenty-one and was first sent to Cambridge, Mass., where he remained one year. The next year he was stationed at Essex. The circuits embraced all the countries north of Rensselaer to Canada line, but the field, wide as it was, did not suffice for his roaming propensities or his growing evangelistic ambition. He was dropped from the regular work on account of his eccentricities, and for nearly forty years was wandering over the world. He traveled all over the United States and even crossed the ocean to Great Britain, visiting England, Ireland, and Scotland. He was a ready writer, shrewd and often amusing. His dress and address were alike singular. He always wore a Quaker garb and had his beard and hair long, in a day when clean shaves and a close crop were in fashion, his beard falling over his breast, reaching nearly to his waist, and his hair falling over his shoulders.

Starting out on one of his annual tours for some distant point he would sing and pray and preach from his wagon in the public square of every city and village he passed through and would leave a string of appointments to be filled on his return, weeks and months, and sometimes one year ahead. He never failed to be on hand at the appointed time.

The first great object of his warfare, both with pen and tongue, was the fatalistic Calvinism, as he termed it, which was held to by many in New England a century and a half ago. The efforts of the advocate of the Calvinistic doctrine to reconcile freedom of will with predestination is described in the humorous lines:



LORENZO DOW HOUSE.





" You can and you cant.  
You shall and you shant,  
You will and you wont,  
You'll be damned if you do,  
You'll be damned if you don't."

He acted independently of all ecclesiastical relations, making his own appointments and preaching when and where he chose. He usually preached in the open air, sometimes from his wagon and sometimes from the head of a barrel or box, and when closing would make an appointment to preach again in the same place some months ahead, and though, as was frequently the case, he had in the meantime been hundreds of miles away, yet, when the day and hour came, he was sure to be there.

In Stevens' History of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States is found an interesting description of the first church built in Mississippi. The historian says: "It was built mainly by the efforts of Randall Gibson, who had removed to the Mississippi territory, then in the hands of the Spaniards, about the close of the Revolutionary War."

The church referred to in the above was in the town of Washington, in the northwestern portion of the grounds on which Jefferson College, the oldest college in the Southwest, stands. The lot on which this church stood was donated by Lorenzo Dow, and the deed to it, with the signature of the eccentric, but generous, evangelist of the Methodist Church, and his noble Christian wife, Peggy Dow, are now, so it was said in 1878, among the archives of the college.

The convention which framed the constitution of Mississippi was held in this church, and the "Charter Oak" of Mississippi, under which was placed a field piece, from which was fired the first salute to the new-born state, stood about one hundred yards from the former site of the old church. In the year 1872-3 a severe storm prostrated the old church building, but its location is still marked for a memorial both to the builders of the church and the donors of the lot.

His courtship and marriage were perfectly characteristic,

and are related in his journal as follows: "I was resolved when I began to travel that no created object should be the means of rivalling my God, and of course not to alter the situation of my life, unless a way seemed to open in the way of Providence, whereby I might judge that my extensive usefulness should be extended rather than contracted." His courtship and marriage, as related by himself in his autobiography, was as follows: He says, "Smith Miller (this man was a brother-in-law to Peggy, he having married her older sister, and had adopted Peggy, her parents dying when she was quite young) of Western came to a big meeting in the woods and heard that crazy Dow was there, and after some time sought and found me. He accompanied me to my appointments, consisting of about one hundred miles to travel. He kept what some would call a Methodist tavern, i. e., a house for the preachers. One of my appointments being near his house, he invited me to tarry all night, observing his daughter would be glad to see me. I asked if he had any children. He replied, a young woman I brought up I call my daughter. I stayed all night, but as it happened that not a word passed between her and me, though there were but three in the family. I went to my appointments, where we had a precious time, but whilst preaching I felt uncommon exercise (known only to myself and my God) to run through my mind which caused me to pause for some time. In going to my evening appointment I had to return by the house, he being still in company with me. I asked him if he would object if I should talk to his daughter concerning matrimony. He replied, I have nothing to say, only I have requested her, if she had any regard for me, not to marry so as to leave my house.

"When I got to the door, I abruptly asked his wife, who had been there and what they had been about in my absence. She told me, which made way for her to observe, that Peggy was resolved never to marry unless it were a preacher, and one who would continue traveling. This resolution being similar to my own, as she then stepped into the room, caused me to ask

if it were so. She answered in the affirmative, on the back of which I replied, 'Do you think you could accept of such an object as me?' She made no answer, but retired from the room; this was the first time of my speaking to her. I took dinner; asked her one question more ——— and went to my neighboring meetings, which occupied some days, but having a cloak making of oil cloth, it drew me back to it. I stayed all night, and in the morning when going away I observed to her and her sister, who brought her up as a mother, that I was going to warm countries where I had never spent a warm season, and it was possible I should die as the warm climate destroys most of those who go from a cold country; 'but,' said I, 'if I am preserved about a year and a half from now, I am in hopes of seeing this northern country again, and if during this time you live and remain single, and find no one that you like better than you do me, and would be willing to give me up twelve months out of thirteen, or three years out of four to travel, and that in foreign lands, and never say do not go to your appointments, &c., for if you should stand in my way I should pray to God to remove you, which I believe he would answer, and if I find no one that I like better than I do you, perhaps something further may be said on the subject,' and finding her character to stand fair, I took my departure.

"In my travels I went to the Natchez country, where I found religion low, and had hard times, but thought this country one day would be the garden of America, and if the family would remove there it would prove an everlasting blessing (as its respects religion) to the inhabitants, considering their infant state.

"It lay on my mind for some weeks, when I wrote to them on the subject, though I had no outward reason to suppose they would go, considering the vast distance of near two thousand miles. But now I found she was still single and they all willing to comply with my request, which removed many scruples from my mind. Knowing that it was a circumstance that turned up in the order of Providence instead

of by my own seeking, so our bargain was drawn to a close, but still I thought not to have the ceremony performed until I should return from Europe, but upon reflection, considering the circumstance would require a correspondence, my letters might be intercepted, and the subject known, prejudice arise, jealousy ensue, and much needless conversation and evil be the result, wherefore, to prevent the same, a preacher coming in, we were married that night; the only five were present, this being the third of September, 1804."

Peggy, the wife of Lorenzo Dow, died at Hebron, Conn., January 6, 1820. She had been a true and valuable companion to him during his travels about the country on his preaching tours for sixteen years. On his first visit to Ireland (he several times crossed the Atlantic) he says, "A loyal woman scolded me because I did not pray for the king. I replied that I came from a country where we had no king, and it was not natural for me, so she excused me and invited me to breakfast."

In Belfast he was sent to prison for preaching in the streets, but was very soon liberated. He improved his opportunity, however, while in prison to address the prisoners.

Being solicited to play cards while on a passage in a canal boat, he told them who solicited him that would play one game when they had done. After they had done playing he offered to buy the cards. The captain told him he did not sell cards, but that he would give them to him, which having done, Dow played his game by throwing them out of the windows into the canal.

Speaking in relation to one who was prejudicial against him he remarked, "The best way that ever I found to kill an enemy, was to love him to death." In speaking of a visit to Stonington, Conn., he says, "Left Peggy, visited Hebron, Stonington (where George's ship "Nimrod" killed two horses, one hog and a goose) so on to Newport, R. I."

There are many anecdotes related of Lorenzo Dow, some of which he relates himself in his journal, and others which

he does not mention. The following are some of the latter: He was applied to in a place where he was about to preach to endeavor to detect a thief who had stolen his neighbor's axe. Accordingly, he carried with him into the pulpit a stone as large as he could easily wield with one hand. During the service he remarked that there was an individual in the assembly who had stolen his neighbor's axe, and seizing the stone, and raising it for a heave, he declared that he was going to throw it at the thief's head, whereupon the guilty individual dodged and thereby was detected.

The story about his raising the devil had become quite familiar to persons well acquainted with this eccentric man in past generations. In one of his frontier tours in New York or Pennsylvania he came to a log house, the mistress of which entertained him hospitably in his character as a preacher, gave him his supper and a bed in a sleeping room adjoining the living room. After he retired a familiar friend of the woman came to visit her and the two chatted till midnight, when the mistress' husband came home intoxicated and angry to find the door fastened. For fear of his drunken wrath, the wife's companion got into a barrel and she covered him up with the tow of flax. Then she let in her husband, swearing loudly at being barred out. "Hush!" says she, "You'll wake up the preacher sleeping in the spare room." Preacher? What preacher?" "Why, the celebrated Lorenzo Dow." "Dow? Why, I've heern of him, and blamed if I don't have him up," and in spite of the wife's remonstrances Dow had to dress and exhibit himself, saying to the master of the house, "Well, sir, Lorenzo Dow is before you, what will you have?" "Why, I'se heern tell as how you can raise the devil — now let's see you do it." Dow took the candle from the table, made a circuit of the room, saying "Hocus, pocus" several times in succession and touched the flame to the tow, when the fellow in the barrel rose up all afire, and, with a screech and a howl, ran blazing out of the door. The drunken husband was sobered in an instant from fright, and was com-

pletely cured of his drinking habits. He reformed and joined the church, and the secret was kept till after the death of the man.

Another ludicrous incident is related that Lorenzo Dow is said to have been connected with when on one of his preaching tours through South Carolina. As the story goes, on reaching a large spruce tree he overtook a colored lad, who was blowing a tin horn and could send a blast with rise and swell and cadence which waked the echoes of the distant hills. Calling aside the lad, Dow said to him, "What's your name, sir?" "My name's Gabriel, sir," said the ebony-colored lad. "Well, Gabriel, have you ever been to Church Hill?" "Yes, Massa, I'se been dere many a time." "Do you remember a big spruce pine tree on the hill?" "Oh, yes, Massa, I knows dat pine tree." "Do you know that Lorenzo Dow has an appointment to preach under that tree to-morrow?" "Oh, yes, Massa, everybody knows dat." "Well, Gabriel, I'm Lorenzo Dow, and if you'll take your horn and go to-morrow morning and climb up into that tree and hide yourself among the branches before the people begin to gather, and wait there till I call your name and then blow such a blast with your horn as I heard you blow a minute ago, I'll give you a dollar; will you do it, Gabriel?"

Gabriel, like Zacchaeus, was hid away in the tree-top in due time. An immense concourse of persons of all sizes and color assembled at the appointed hour, and Mr. Dow preached on the last judgment day. By his power of description he wrought the multitude up to the opening of the resurrection scenes, and grand assize at the call of the trumpet blasts which are to wake the sleeping nations. "Then," said he, "suppose my dying friends, suppose that this should be the very hour? Suppose now, that you should hear, at this moment, the sound of Gabriel's trumpet?" Sure enough, at this moment the trumpet of Gabriel sounded, the women shrieked and many fainted, the men sprang up and stood aghast, some ran, others fell and cried for mercy, and all felt for a time that the judg-

ment was set and the books were opened. The preacher stood and watched the drifting storm till the fright had abated, and someone had discovered the ebony angel, who had caused the alarm, quietly perched on a limb of the old spruce, and wanted to get him down to whip him. Then the preacher resumed his theme, saying, "I forbid all persons from touching the boy up there. If a colored boy with a tin horn can frighten you almost out of your wits, what will you do when you hear the trumpet thunder of the archangel? How will you be able to stand in the great day of the wrath of God?"

Peggy Dow, the first wife of Lorenzo Dow, died at Hebron, Conn., Jan. 6, 1820, aged 39 years. He afterwards married Lucy Dolbeare of Montville, the daughter of George B. Dolbeare. His last courtship and marriage was unique as was the first, and was characteristic of the man. Miss Dolbeare was a thorough Methodist, and, being a woman of great muscular strength and masculine in her speech, and, withal, gifted with a flow of language, she was a powerful ally in a Methodist meeting. At one of Mr. Dow's meetings Lucy was present and Mr. Dow was strongly attracted toward her. At the close of the meeting he shook hands with her; before parting he propounded the question. She was ready to meet the proposal, and both then and there entered into a contract which was very soon after sealed with the marriage vow.

Soon after their marriage Mr. Dow settled at Montville, and was engaged in farming. He did not, however, abandon his itineracy, and continued at certain seasons of the year to make his tours through the country, fulfilling appointments made a year ahead. Nearly every Sunday he would preach either in his own neighborhood or in adjoining towns. He run a saw-mill which stood on the farm which he occupied. This farm belonged to his wife, having been bequeathed to her by her father in his last will. He afterwards bought a saw and grist-mill of Henry Maynard, which was located at the outlet of Oxoboxo Pond, which he occupied until sold in



1830, after the great lawsuit between Peter and Henry A. Richards and himself about holding back the water in his pond.

During the time he lived on his farm in Montville, from about 1822 until his death, he did quite a business at farming. He repaired the buildings and improved his land, and was considered quite a successful farmer. The shingles at that time put on his house have remained quite sound and were still intact in 1890. Often when going to market (Norwich being the city where he did most of his trading) he would yoke up his oxen and drive into town. It was not unusual to see him ride through the streets on the bottom of his ox-cart or wagon drawn by two and sometimes three yoke of cattle, driven by a negro teamster.

Lorenzo Dow was a staunch Jackson-man, and when the president made his eastern tour in 1833 his route led him near to Mr. Dow's residence, the route being along the Essex turnpike through Montville and Salem. At the "Bland Tavern" Mr. Dow had a hickory pole erected with the flag of the nation flying at the top. As President Jackson came along with his suite, on his way from Hartford, by way of Essex, to Norwich, he stopped and had an interview with Mr. Dow and his wife, Lucy, the president introducing to them his suite, Van Buren and Donaldson, his private secretary. The place of their meeting was then and long afterwards called Hickory Plain, in honor of the president. It is said that about two hundred of the neighboring citizens assembled on that occasion.

Mr. Dow took considerable interest in the affairs of the town. At one time he was chosen, with others, to audit the accounts of the town. The records will show the remarks made by him, written on the margin of the pages by his own hand with his name attached. The following are specimens of the remarks:

"N. B. It appears that those men at the bottom of the town business get our own orders and then charge interest,

though the books do not express it; either the books are not correct, or the men are innocent who hold those orders; or else it is Montville way of doing business! L. DOW."

"P. S. See No. 119, 1823, interest \$40.14 on his 'note' where we find no note mentioned, but Order 669-21 as above and yet the order for interest is \$41.14 and for five days less than a year."

"Montville wants a new book, better bound to transmit the records safe to posterity. L. DOW. Dec. 23, 1823."

Lorenzo Dow was a remarkable and eccentric individual, who for nearly half a century, prompted by an inward impulse, devoted himself to a life of singular labor, self-denial, and sacrifice. One month he would be heard of laboring for the good of souls in his own peculiar way in the neighborhood of his home, the next, perhaps, braving the frosts and snow of a Canadian winter; the next on his way to Ireland or England in the prosecution of some benevolent purpose, and six months or a year afterward he is encountering the dangers and hardships of a Georgia or Kentucky wilderness, or fleeing for his life from the tomahawk or the scalping knife of the Indian savago in the then untrodden wilds of the Mississippi valley. The suddenness and promptitude of his appearance in a town or village at the very hour and minute that he had appointed, perhaps some twelve months before, the boldness with which he would attack the ruling vices and denounce wickedness, either in high places or low, the general adaptation of his dry and caustic rebukes to the sin and follies prevalent in the place where he might be and which he seemed to know almost intuitively, together with the biting sarcasm and strong mother-wit that pervaded his addresses, all served to invest the approach to any place of the "crazy preacher," as he was frequently called, with an air of singular and romantic interest. And most extensively has the influence of the labors of this strange and eccentric man been experienced and felt; eternity can only reveal the good he may have accomplished. Scarcely a neighborhood from Canada to Georgia, or from the Atlantic

to the Mississippi, that has not some tradition still to relate, or some tale to tell of the visit and the preaching of Lorenzo Dow, and there is scarcely an individual in all New England that has not heard their fathers or mothers, or grandfathers and grandmothers, relate some one or more of the witty sayings, or speak of the humorous doings of this singular man.

He died at Alexandria, Va., the second day of February, 1834, aged 56 years and 4 months. The last wife of Lorenzo Dow survived him and remained on the "Old Dow Homestead" until her death. She used to receive quite an income from the sale of her husband's books, which contained a journal of his life, his travels, incidents, and witty sayings, during the first few years after his death.

She died at Montville on the 26th day of October, 1863, aged 77 years, and was buried on her own farm in a burying-lot enclosed by an iron fence.



LORENZO DOW.



## CHAPTER V.

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### INDUSTRIAL HISTORY OF MONTVILLE.

Although this town, as a separate and independent incorporate body, does not date back but a little more than one hundred years, yet its early history is intimately connected with that of New London, of which it was originally a part, and until it was incorporated a distinct township, in 1786, was called the "North Parish of New London."

Its early settlement, which was very rapid the first half-century, was largely owing to its being an elevated and retired location, descriptive of its name, its many fertile, open fields and extensive timber, its beautiful lakes and rivulets, affording an abundance of water-power, easily controlled for saw and grist-mills, industries of great importance with the first settlers. Its advantages were further increased by its near access to the "Great River," afterwards called the Thames, then affording an abundance of fish. Containing, as it did, within its bounds the famous tribe of Mohegan Indians, so friendly and generous to the white man, its history has ever been such as to command universal attention. "New London County," says its gifted historian, Miss Caulkins, "is a locality no way inferior in interest to any part of the state. Its early history is full of life and vivid anecdotes. Here the white and red race flourished for a time side by side, while hardships, reverses, and adventures of various kinds marked its subsequent progress."

This town, in its growth and advance in agricultural, manufacturing, and other industrial pursuits, may serve as a representative of other New England towns. That noble band of Puritans who left their own native country to found a home in a wild foreign land, and whose special object appears

to have been "to preserve the morals of their youth; to prevent them through want of employment from leaving their parents and engaging in business unfriendly to religion; to lay a foundation for propagating the gospel in the remote parts of the world; to form the model of a pure church, free from admixture of human additions." A set of men more conscientious in their doings, or simple in their manners, never founded any commonwealth. Speaking of them, Governor Stoughton remarked, "God sifted a whole nation that he might send choice grain over into the wilderness."

These same Puritans who landed at that dreary, disconsolate place, afterwards named Plymouth, after the town in England from which they last sailed, in the month of December, 1620, and those of like faith and noble character who followed them during the fifteen or twenty years following, had many representatives among the early settlers in this town. The name of Bradford, Rogers, Fitch, Mason, Turner, Baker, Raymond, Alden, and many others, all were early settlers here. These pioneers were the first to cultivate and improve these farms, build houses, fence their lands, lay out and build highways through their farms, and from house to house. The first to erect schoolhouses and to found a church. The schoolhouses served as well for meeting-places for religious worship on the Sabbath before any church edifice could be erected. It was nearly fifty years after the first English settler located in this present town before a house for the public worship of God was erected.

Most of the early settlers here were members of some church before they came, some belonged to the church at New London, and some at Norwich, and it was never considered a hardship to ride six or ten miles on horseback to attend religious services at those places on the Sabbath. These pioneers were a robust, hardy set of yeomen, capable of enduring hardships and privations, and were possessed of a nature willing to endure privations, and an ability to perform a great amount of manual labor. From early morn to the last rays of the evening twilight they were employed

in some laborious work on their farms. The families in those days were usually quite large, often from four to six sons and nearly as many daughters, who, when arriving at the proper age and strength were called upon by their parents to assist them, the sons on the farm and the daughters about the housework. The pleasure and enjoyment of the home circle in those days seem to have been far greater than that of modern experience, the labor of the hands gave life and buoyancy to the spirit. Some of the first inhabitants of this township were remote only three generations from their first American ancestors, and were possessed with much of the Puritan character. "They were men," as an able writer has truthfully portrayed, "who habitually ascribed every event to the will of the Great Being, for whose power nothing was too vast, for whose inspection nothing was too minute. To know Him, to serve Him, to enjoy Him, was with them the great end of existence."

Our forefathers were men well calculated and wonderfully fitted to be pioneers, in subduing and improving the wild land, and laying a foundation for the building up of industries, which to-day are of magnificent proportions. Much hard labor was required in clearing the land and erecting houses in which to live. Though their houses were nearly as rude as those of their uncivilized neighbors, yet they served as a home and were pervaded with a spirit of contentment and wholesome enjoyment. As progress was made in the improvement of their homes and farms, as clearings were continued to be made, the soil broken up and improved, better dwellings built, schoolhouses and houses of worship erected, new life began to dawn upon them, fields of knowledge were discovered, new industries were developed, social intercourse among neighbors became a greater source of pleasure and profit. Attendance upon religious worship was a means of building up character and developing a higher spiritual life.

The Pilgrims were an agricultural people, and so were many of those who followed them to these shores. One



reason why the Pilgrims left their adopted country, Holland, was, according to Bancroft, because they "had been bred to agricultural pursuits," which they could not follow in that land. That they continued to follow their original pursuit as their chief one for many years after their arrival is familiar history. But their task was a severe one. Cleared fields were small and few; and their implements were rude and ill fitted to clear the dense woods and break up the stubborn soil. Some of their implements, no doubt, were obtained from the mother country. The only metal to be found here that could be formed into implements of husbandry was bog-iron ore, which was very brittle and often spoiled by a day's use. The magnitude of their task from lack of appropriate implements with which to perform their work is perhaps more difficult for those of the present age to realize than any other feature of our history, because agricultural implements have been brought to such a degree of perfection. The most important of farm implements is the plow, and is doubtless one of the oldest, for its origin must be coeval with the human race of antiquity, in the days of Elisha, who, when summoned by Elijah to follow him, was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen. The plow is probably an improvement upon the hoe, which may be claimed as still more ancient. At first it was made of the tough crotches of trees; then the forked piece was trimmed and bound to the handle to prevent the two from splitting apart. The plow had an equally humble origin. Like hoes, one limb of a tree formed the beam and the other the share. When the colonists first began to upturn the soil the plow was a very simple and weak affair. It was wholly made of wood. It required a great deal of power to draw it. During all the centuries preceding the present but few improvements were made in the construction of the plow. Even at the beginning of this century this implement was wholly made of wood, except that a wrought-iron share or point was attached to the mould-board, and some bolts and nuts whereby the pieces were fastened together. Fastened to

the end of the beam was an iron clevis. The wooden mould-board was sometimes plated with sheet iron or by strips made by hammering out old horeshoes. The standard rose nearly vertically, and to which was attached the beam. Two pins in the standard formed the handles.

All the other implements of husbandry used by our forefathers were alike rude and clumsy, and it required great strength to manage them. For a century the colonists here, and throughout the country, remained in nearly a stationary state in respect to their leading pursuit. Their implements, few and imperfect, were rarely improved. The hoe, plow, spade, fork, and occasionally a harrow, scythes, and axes, comprised nearly the whole inventory of farming tools. There was an obstinacy with which old ideas were cherished that served to quench the spirit of improvement in those times. The system of agriculture best adapted to the country and the method by which the best results could be obtained could only be learned by experiment. If a possessor of superior intelligence arose, who ventured to try experiments, he was neither cheered nor encouraged, but on the other hand was laughed at for his folly. One who was familiar with the habits and customs of the people of those times has said that if such an one "did not plant just as many acres of corn as his fathers did, and that, too, in the old of the moon, if he did not sow just as much rye to the acre, use the same number of oxen to plow and to get in his crops in the same day; or if he did not hoe as many times as his father and his grandfather did, if, in fine, he did not wear the same kind of homespun dress and adopt the same religious views and prejudices, he was shunned in company by old and young, and looked upon as visionary."

However prejudicial our ancestors may have been to any newly advanced idea in their method of work or of their religious views, yet, in the log cabin or simple frame dwelling of that agricultural era were first cultivated the true, though austere religion, the domestic virtues, the sturdy habits of

frugal industry, the daring spirit and the devoted love of liberty that have so advanced the prosperity and the renown of their remote posterity.

Let us go back to the first half of the eighteenth century, and in imagination, with the help of history, recall some of the sketches of the houses of that period as drawn from actual observation by the antiquary of those historic times. On a visit to one of these yeomen we pass along a "trail" indicated by marked trees, and first discover his horse and cattle-shed standing near an old Indian clearing, which may have been a planting-field of the chief of the tribe; and just a little way off stands the dwelling built of logs, with a thatched roof and a large chimney at one side built of stones cemented with clay. The small windows are covered with oil paper, and the massive door is thick enough to be bullet-proof. At one end of the house, at a distance of about ten feet, is a well, from which water is obtained by means of a crotched tree set in the ground, supporting a large "sweep" balanced in the middle, upon the small end of which is fastened a pole reaching down to near the ground. On the lower end hangs the "Old Oaken Bucket." Pulling the "latch string" we enter and find that the floors are made of rifted chestnut or straight-grained oak, roughly smoothed with the adze, while the immense hearth in front of the large fireplace occupying nearly one-half of the side of the house, is of large flat stones. There are no partition walls, but thick curtains made of homemade cloth, and are hung so that at night they divide off their straw beds, upon which they pile rugs, coverlets, and flannel or linen sheets. A high-backed chair or two, a massive table, a large chest with carved front, and some Indian birch-bark boxes and splint baskets are ranged round the walls, while on a large dresser we notice wooden bowls and trenches, pewter plates and earthen plates, horn drinking-cups, and a "tinder box" with flint and steel. Hanging on the wall is the old "flint lock" ready for defense or to shoot down the wild beasts that may be prowling around their flocks.

In one corner is the spinning-wheel and the loom, at which the housewife is busily engaged when the meals are disposed of and the dishes washed and set upon the shelf. High on the mantel shelf with a candle-stand on one side and the time-marking hour-glass on the other is the oft-read Bible, never kept for show. There were gatherings, besides those for religious worship, where neighbors met one another and had social "chats." Upon elections and "training" days people mingled together, also at "raisings," when flip and cider flowed plentifully. The "husking," too, was a social as well as an industrial gathering, followed by a rich repast upon pumpkin pie, which has, to the present day among the farmers, formed one of the most thoroughly enjoyed dishes.

Of those "days of long ago" we have heard our mothers and grandmothers say they were full of real enjoyment, although there was a great deal of hard work, yet it seemed a pleasure. The young people were allowed to have evening parties, when the neighboring households gathered and spent the time in plays, games, and other social recreations, making life joyous and burdens light.

#### MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

The first industry started up in this town, excepting the saw-mill, was that of making iron from bog-ore. These bogs were found all along the coast from Maine to Maryland. Water filtering through the neighboring hill brings down into the ponds and marshes large quantities of iron in solution and deposits the same at the bottom of the ponds or coves along with vegetable mould in soft spongy masses, which went by the name of bog-iron ore. The large furnaces of the present day could not be supplied with it, because it does not exist in sufficient quantity, but for the use of the early colonist it supplied nearly every want. The iron cast from it was brittle, but very soft when melted. Such iron is still used in some parts of our country for stove castings.

In 1643 specimens of the bog-ores from ponds near Lynn,

Mass., were sent to England to be tested, and was found to be of so good a quality that a "Company of Undertakers for the Iron Works" was formed by John Winthrop, Jr., and others, and they began the regular manufacture of iron at Lynn. The work was very successful, the bog-iron being well adapted for casting cannon, shot, pots, and other hollow ware. About six years after John Winthrop, Jr., came to New London he obtained a grant of privilege from the Assembly to enable him to make iron here. His first attempt to establish the manufacture of iron was within the limits of this town, at a place still called the "Old Forge," at the outlet of the Oxoboxo stream, below "Johnson's Dye Works." Here he started a "bloomey," as it was then called, for the smelting of iron. The primitive bloomey was merely a hole in the ground, in which charcoal was burned by the aid of a bellows made from a goat-skin, iron ore being added to the fire in small quantities. The one here built was, however, an improvement upon the primitive ones used in India from the most ancient times, and are still said to be employed by the natives in Asia and Africa. This consisted of a furnace and a forge. The furnace was made by means of stone laid in clay, formed in the shape of a large kettle, the inside being overlaid with plastered clay. A chimney was raised to a sufficient height to produce a strong draft. In this way the ore was brought to a condition for the forge to form the iron into the proper shape for use. These iron works appear to have been soon after abandoned and nothing more was done there for nearly one hundred years.

The next mention of the iron works is in 1750, when the land on which the works formerly stood was deeded by Benjamin Alford to Benjamin McCall. The next mention of the works was on the 11th day of April, 1788, when Jeremiah Vallet, 2d, sold a piece of land to George Williams, containing ten acres, "with two-thirds of the spot where the late iron works were erected." The same year George Williams conveyed the same premises to Pemberton Baker, who, on the 10th day of January, 1792, conveyed it to Amariah Weston.

The only mills in operation within the present boundaries of Montville at the date of its incorporation were four grist-mills, seven saw-mills, and one fulling-mill. The grist-mills were owned by Ezekiel Fox, Jonathan Maynard, George Latimer, and Levi Lester; the saw-mills by Ezekiel Fox, Atwell Chapel, Deshon, Wheat & Hallam, Mathew Leffingwell, George & Jonathan Latimer, George B. Dolbeare, and Joshua Raymond; the fulling-mill was owned and operated by Joseph Smith.

The most important stream which runs through the town and on which are located most of the manufacturing establishments, is called Oxoboxo. This stream takes its rise in the northwest corner of the town. Its general course is southeasterly, and empties into a cove, which makes out from the Thames River a few rods north from the present Montville station of the New London Northern railroad. This arm of the river runs up into the main land about one mile, originally called "Massapeag," afterwards called Baker's Cove, but now bears the name of Haughton's Cove.

Near the outlet of the Oxoboxo, first called by the early settlers "Saw-mill Brook," located a few rods about the "old iron works," is the Dye Wood Works of the late William G. Johnson, now owned and operated by his son, Henry C. Johnson. Upon this site the first saw-mill erected on the stream stood. It was built under the direction of John Winthrop about 1653. After the purchase of these premises by Amariah Weston in 1792, he built a small shop near the site of the Winthrop saw-mill, but was never occupied by him, as he died soon after its completion. By his last will, Weston gave this property to his wife, Mary, who afterwards married Andrew Tracy.

In 1798 John and Arthur Scholfield obtained a lease of the water privilege and buildings connected therewith from Mary Tracy for fourteen years. They there set up and put in operation the first woolen machinery for the manufacture of cloth by water power started in the state of Connecticut.

Arthur Scholfield remained here with his brother, John, a few years, and then removed to Pittsfield, Mass., where, in 1808, he manufactured a piece of broadcloth containing thirteen yards, which was presented to James Madison, and from which his inaugural suit was made. After the expiration of Mr. Scholfield's lease, in 1812, he sold out to John R. Comstock, who continued the business until his death, in 1821, at which time his father, Nathan Comstock, and his brother, Nathan Comstock, Jr., came into possession of the mill-property. In 1828, Nathan Comstock, Sr., sold out his interest in the property to his son, Nathan Comstock, Jr., who soon after set up an oil-mill on the site of the old saw-mill, and carried on the oil business for several years. Nathan Comstock, Jr., sold to William G. Johnson in 1834, who soon after erected buildings and started his dye works. In 1848 the business was enlarged by the erection of a large brick building to be used as an "extract." Mr. Johnson, being a man of remarkable business qualifications and bending his whole energy to his business, was in a few years able to pronounce his undertaking a success.

In May, 1870, Mr. Johnson leased to his two sons, Edwin C. Johnson and Charles S. Johnson, the entire premises, together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, for the term of ten years, with the privilege of an addition of another ten years after the expiration of the first term, if desired. Messrs. Johnson & Co. continued in the business until about 1890, when they gave it up, and it was afterwards continued by William G. Johnson himself until his death in 1892. After Mr. Johnson's death the dye-works property was sold to Henry C. Johnson, the present owner and proprietor.

The second mill-privilege on the stream is now owned by the Uncasville Manufacturing Company, a joint-stock corporation, formed in 1848 with a capital of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), which was increased in 1852 to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000). George R. Lewis was its first president, and Charles A. Lewis its secretary. On the site

of the present cotton-mill Levi Lester, in 1794, built and put into operation a grist-mill. The land now owned by the Uncasville Manufacturing Company, and on which the village of Uncasville is located, was formerly owned by George Williams.

In the year 1823 Peter Richards and his son, Henry A. Richards, purchased of Levi Lester the grist-mill and the water privilege, and also a tract of land adjoining, of George Williams, and erected the present mill, into which they put machinery for the manufacture of cotton cloth. Messrs. Richards soon after failed in business and the whole plant came into the possession of Charles A. and George R. Lewis in 1830. Since that time the business has been carried on successfully, and many improvements have been made by the company in the erection of new tenement houses and enlargement of the mill. Since the death of Charles A. and George R. Lewis the company has been reorganized by the choice of new officers and an entire new plan of operation established. The village of Uncasville is very romantically located, and is within a half-mile from the railroad station near the Thames River. It has a commodious and beautiful church edifice, belonging to the Methodist denomination, a fine schoolhouse, a post-office, three grocery stores, a blacksmith shop, livery stable, and a meat market.

The Pequot Mills, so called, are the next in order as we pass up stream. Here are two mills, one built of stone and the other is a wooden building. Several tenement houses have been erected for the accommodation of the employes. On the site of the present woolen-mill building formerly stood an oil-mill, built by John Congdon and David Congdon about 1803. Previously a saw-mill was erected here, to which the first use of the water power was applied. These premises were conveyed by John Congdon to Giles Turner in 1822, and by Giles Turner conveyed to his son-in-law, Albert G. Darrow, in 1837. Mr. Darrow run the oil-mill until near the time he sold out to Norton Brothers and Hiram



Crosby of Norwich, in 1860. Soon after this purchase the oil-mill building was enlarged and the stone mill built, and both fitted up for the manufacture of woolen goods. A substantial stone dam was built several feet higher than the original one, giving a fall of about forty-six feet. In 1877 this property passed into the possession of Henry B. Norton and Lorenzo Blackstone of Norwich. A change was made in the mills. The woolen machinery was taken out and machinery for working cotton was substituted. The mills are now in successful operation under the management of William Blackstone in the manufacture of print cloth and lawns, containing 238 looms, and 8,064 spindles, and employ about 180 hands.

The next mill-site on the stream above the Poquot Mills is the one now operated by the Montville Woolen Company, composed of James Freeland and P. H. O'Keefe. This privilege was first purchased by Col. Frank B. Loomis of Gideon Palmer in 1846. Col. Loomis, the same year, built the stone mill now occupying the site, and immediately put in woolen machinery for the manufacture of woolen cloth. In 1854 Col. Loomis sold out to Orrin F. Smith, who carried on this business until 1861, when it again came into the possession of Col. Loomis. In 1862 the property was purchased by the Thames Woolen Company, composed of Andrew M. Farnham of East Hartford, William W. Billings and Isaac L. Hayden of Windham, and Richard G. Hooper of Glastonbury. The same year Hart Talcott of Glastonbury became connected with the firm, but sold out his interest the next year to the other members of the firm. On the 13th day of May, 1864, Andrew M. Farnham sold to Isaac L. Hayden, who also sold to Andrew J. Wood of Brooklyn, N. Y. W. W. Billings also sold out his interest to Isaac L. Hayden in Oct., 1864. The business was continued by this firm until August, 1875, when a joint-stock company was formed with a capital of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), with Andrew J. Wood as president, Seymour J. Strong as treasurer, and R. G. Hooper as manager.





up, and the cotton manufacture continued until the present occupants came into possession of it about 1875. E. H. Palmer built, in 1866, the stone mill, which was enlarged by the present owners, whose business continued to increase from year to year until this new industry became established. New features in the manufacture by means of new patents and improvements in its machinery have from time to time developed, until it has become an industry of magnificent proportion.

The sixth manufacturing establishment on the Oxoboxo stream is a paper mill now owned by the estate of Carmichael Robertson. This privilege was first utilized by the erection of a dam across the stream by Gideon Palmer about 1852, and the pond thus formed used as a reservoir. In 1859 the water privilege, together with such water rights of flowage as were possessed by Mr. Palmer at his decease, was sold by the executrix of his estate to the Montville Paper Company, a joint stock corporation, of which Oliver Woodworth was president. In the year 1865 the company sold out to John Robertson, Carmichael Robertson, and James Bingham. Carmichael Robertson purchased the interest of the others, who owned with him in 1866, and since that time, until his death, November 28, 1888. He was very successful in the paper business, and accumulated a handsome property. Since the death of Mr. Robertson the business has been successfully carried on in the name of the estate by his sons, Alexander C. Robertson, Tryon E. Robertson, and William R. Robertson.

The next mill site above the Montville Paper Mill last mentioned, is the one where formerly stood the cotton, twine, and rope factory of Alfred Hurlburt. This privilege was purchased of several different owners, and concentrated into one. The factory was first built by Mr. Hurlburt in 1866, and a prosperous little business was carried on here by Mr. Hurlburt until the loss of the buildings and machinery by fire in 1874. The next year it was rebuilt by him, and the



*Carmichael Robertson*









the trustee sold the equity of the concern to Carmichael Robertson, who was one of its largest stockholders. At this paper-mill, book and news-paper was first made. After Mr. Robertson came into possession, a new paper machine, a 68-inch cylinder, was put in, and afterwards only manilla paper was manufactured here. During the present year, 1895, a new building has been erected, 30x100 feet, on the west side of the paper-mill, and about 30 feet distant therefrom, in which the manufacture of paper boxes, by the Rex Box Company.

Near the present site of the Rockland Paper Mill there formerly stood an old building, which is supposed to have been built by Joseph Smith, about the year 1780, and first used by him as a fulling-mill. This building was afterwards converted into a cotton-batting mill, and operated by Abel Smith, son of Joseph Smith, and father of John W. Smith. The "Fox Mills," so called, are of ancient origin, and at first contained a sawmill and a gristmill. This site is probably the second one to be occupied on the stream. Mr. Samuel Fox was its first owner. He obtained a grant of about 1,500 acres of land in the vicinity, about the year 1700, and erected at this place on the stream a sawmill. The gristmill was probably built by his son, Ezekiel Fox, after his father's death, to whom the property was devised by the last will of his father, Samuel Fox. Ezekiel, by his last will, devised it to his grandson, Ezekiel Fox, who occupied it only a few years, and sold it to Isaac Turner in 1805.

In the year 1811, Isaac Turner conveyed the same to Elder Reuben Palmer. In 1813, Elder Palmer leased to Jared S. Rogers the privilege to use the water power for a machine shop, and conveyed to him a small piece of land on which to erect a building. Mr. Rogers not being successful in the business, it was taken possession of by the lessor. The Wooden Wheel Clock was for a short time manufactured in the building erected for a machine shop. The building erected by Mr. Rogers was afterwards used as a





BANK PAPER MILL OF C. M. ROBERTSON.  
(Erected in 1886.)

cotton factory, but was burned down about 1817. In 1837 Henry Wheeler came into possession of the old factory site, and rebuilt another cotton factory. Mr. Wheeler and his sons, William H. and Edwin C. Wheeler, continued in the cotton business here until 1871, when the whole property, including the grist and sawmill, was purchased by the Rockland company. It was afterwards sold with the other Rockland company's property to Carmichael Robertson. Mr. Robertson removed the grist and sawmill, and in 1886 erected a substantial and convenient paper-mill building, built of stone quarried from a ledge near by.

Oakdale Mill was built of stone by James Bingham in 1866, and occupied by him as a paper-mill until April, 1880, at which time it came into the possession of the Palmer Brothers, and used by them in the manufacture of bedquilts about ten years, when it was leased to the Massasoit Company of Fall River, Mass. This company run it in the manufacture of cotton wick. This water privilege was first utilized by James Bingham, and was purchased by him of Charles F. Scholfield, and consisted of about two acres of land, together with the right to build a dam on other land of Mr. Scholfield, and by means of a ditch conduct the water to the mill. The land upon which this mill stands was originally a part of the Samuel Fox land, and afterwards to his son Ezekiel, and grandson, Brintnal Fox.

The next water privilege above the Oakdale mill is owned by Charles F. Scholfield. The dam and mill was here erected by Mr. Scholfield in 1868, and for several years after used in the manufacture of cotton twine. In 1878 Mr. Scholfield put in woolen machinery, and has since continued the manufacture of flannels and kerseymeres, together with custom roll carding and wool batts.

Scholfield's celebrated satinet mill, located next above, is the oldest woolen establishment on the Oxoboxo stream. A clothiers' establishment was started here about the year 1790, which took the place of a sawmill that was erected

many years before by Joshua Raymond. Joseph Otis appears to have been the first to engage in the clothiers' business of fulling and dressing home-made cloth at this place. Afterwards, in 1808, Elijah Beemis carried on the same business at this site. In 1814, John Scholfield bought the property of Daniel F. Raymond, enlarged the old building, and put in machinery for manufacturing woolen cloth, and the woolen business has been carried on at this place by some one or more of the Scholfields to the present time. The old building is still used for the same purpose for which it was built one hundred years ago. At this mill Thomas Scholfield wove the first piece of satinet that was manufactured in this state. The present owner, B. F. Scholfield, continues to make "Scholfield's Satinet."

The woolen factory lately owned and operated by Deacon Harry Vincent, deceased, is the first that was put in operation next below the Oxoboxo reservoir. A sawmill was first built here by Atwell Chapel, who owned the privilege about 1795. In the year 1827, Joshua Baker, Sherwood Raymond, Caleb Baker, and Clark Bissel, erected here a building, and started the oil business. It did not prove very profitable, and was abandoned a few years afterwards. In 1829, the property was sold to Deacon Harry Vincent, who enlarged the old building, and put up machinery for carding rolls, spinning yarn, and making flannels and cassimeres. At the time Deacon Vincent started the woolen business at this place, he lived in a part of the mill. He continued in the same line of manufacture until his death, in 1878. By strict economy, close attention to his business, and honest dealing, he had accumulated a handsome amount of property at his death. So great was his trust in the Divine Providence that he was strenuously opposed to availing himself through the use of popular means, to escape the loss of property from fire or lightning, or any other destructive element, and was never known to have suffered any loss by either. Since Deacon Vincent's death, the property has been sold to R. N. Parish,

who has erected a sawmill of the modern improved style. A considerable business in that line is now being done here.

The reservoir at the head of the Oxoboxo stream is now called "Oxoboxo Pond," a name given to this body of water by Lorenzo Dow. The original Indian name for it was "Op-sobosket," or "Little Pond," as called by the early settlers. This reservoir now covers an area of about one hundred and sixty acres. The dam has been raised from time to time since the original was built.

At the settlement of this town a dam was raised a few rods above the present structure, and a sawmill was set up, and afterwards a gristmill was started here by Jonathan Mynard. This mill site and a considerable portion of the surrounding land was conveyed by Owaneco, the chief of the Mohegans, December 11, 1698, to Thomas Stanton of Stonington. Mr. Stanton afterwards conveyed it to James Harris, a land speculator, who sold it to Joseph Otis. Mr. Otis conveyed it to William Mynard, and Mr. Mynard left it by heirship to his son, Jonathan Mynard, who, by a deed of gift, conveyed it to his son, Jonathan Mynard, Jr., and he to his son, Henry Mynard, and Henry Mynard conveyed it to Lorenzo Dow in 1825. The distance from this reservoir to the outlet of the Oxoboxo stream at the cove, into which it runs, is eighteen hundred and sixty rods, or five and four-fifths miles. The surface of the water in the reservoir when full is about three hundred and fifty feet elevation from tide water in the Thames River, it being an average of about twenty feet fall to each mill privilege on the stream. During the year 1826, Lorenzo Dow raised the dam about four feet, "thinking," as he said, "it would be for the interest of the mill owners below." But Peter and Henry A. Richards, who were the owners of the mill at Uncasville, considered that the raising of the dam was an infringement upon their rights, they claiming that it was only intended to keep back the natural flow of the water. They therefore, in 1827, brought a suit against Mr. Dow for damage to their business. The case was tried

before the County Court in New London, and the case decided in favor of Mr. Dow. The plaintiffs then took an appeal to the Superior Court of New London County, and the case was tried before a jury, who, upon rendering a verdict, said, "In this case the jury find that the defendant is guilty in manner and form as the plaintiffs in their declaration have alleged, and therefore find for the plaintiffs to recover thirty dollars damages, and their costs." The cost amounted to sixty dollars and ninety-four cents. After Mr. Dow settled with the plaintiffs, he at once raised his gates at the dam, and let the water run out as fast as the opening would allow it, which caused a great freshet along the stream, and doing considerable damage.

This privilege, with the reservoir, was, in November, 1829, sold by Lorenzo Dow to Robert Bowser and Hezekiah Goddard of New London, who shortly afterwards conveyed it to Charles A. and George R. Lewis. The dam was again raised several feet, and a cotton-mill started at this place, which was kept in operation for several years in connection with their mill at Uncasville. Since that time the pond has been used for a reservoir only.

One hundred years ago the assessed value of all the mill property located on "Sawmill Brook," now called Oxoboxo, was only about two thousand dollars. The present assessed value is about four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which is more than fifteen times greater than that of the whole town in 1820. There are other small streams in the town on which mills to a small extent are operated. In Chesterfield there is a saw and a gristmill owned by George Latimer, which has been in the possession of the Latimer family more than one hundred and sixty years. A saw and gristmill has been located near the head of Haughton's Cove, at the outlet of "Stony Brook," so called, for many years, and now owned by Charles S. Johnson. A grist and shingle mill is in operation near the head of Stony Brook, owned by William H. Palmer. Several sawmills have at various periods existed on

Stony Brook, but all have been abandoned except the two mentioned, one at the outlet, and the other at the head of the stream.

Other industries have at different times been carried on in this town besides those already named, such as the distilling of cider brandy. During the early part of the present century several were running, and a considerable trade in that line was carried on. The article was shipped to different parts of this country and sold, it being a source of considerable income. The New London, Willimantic & Springfield railroad was built along the west side of the river Thames, through this town, in 1848 and 1849. The first trip over the road, from New London to Willimantic, was made Thanksgiving day, November 15, 1849.



## CHAPTER VI.

### ECCLÉSIASTICAL.

The inhabitants of that part of New Le added to the township in 1708, and which incorporated into the town of Montville, petitioned the General Assembly in 1714 that they be allowed to have a separate parish, and to settle an orthodox minister of the Gospel among them. The petition was granted, and the parish, freed from all parish duties to the town or to the society for the public worship of God, as they should procure and settle among them a minister of the Gospel.

The people of the North Parish, not being able to find a site upon which to erect a meeting-house, remained several years without any settled ministry. Through the influence of Governor Saltonstall, and of Rev. James Hillhouse, then at Boston, with the further encouragement of the society, previously formed, the General Assembly granted freedom from county taxes for the space of five hundred acres of land for religious purposes to be laid out from the general purchase by Robert Denison, Samuel Rogers, and James Rogers. Two hundred and fifty acres of the land was set apart for the minister for his support, and the remaining two hundred and fifty acres to be used for "other pious purposes."

The first parish meeting was held January 1, 1715. George Richards was chosen clerk, and Jonathan Hill, Jonathan Copp, Joseph Bradford, and Samuel Otis parish committee. On the 5th day of February following the first meeting it was voted "That Jonathan Bradford be chosen a committee to go to the Governor and Council to procure a license for the

him to write to Rev. James Hillhouse to ascertain when he will come, and if he needs any assistance in coming up, and that Mr. Jonathan Copp go down and company him up." Rev. James Hillhouse commenced his ministerial labors in the North Parish of New London in February, 1721-2. His first meetings were held in the west rooms of Mr. Samuel Allen's tavern. He was installed pastor of the church October 3, 1722. The following record is found on the first page of the church records in the handwriting of Rev. James Hillhouse:

"I received my call at Boston, dated February 5th, 1721-2. I was installed by the Rev. Mr. Adams of New London, Mr. Buckley of Colchester, Mr. Woodbridge of Groton, in October the third day, 1722. Mr. Adams preached from Acts 16, 9."

The church having been organized, consisted of seven members only at the installation of Mr. Hillhouse. They were Thomas Avery, Robert Denison, Jonathan Copp, Samuel Allen, John Vibber, Nathaniel Otis, and Charles Campbell. During the first year of Mr. Hillhouse's pastorate fifty-one persons united with the church, and one-hundred and twenty-three joined the church during his ministry of fifteen years. The society agreed to pay a salary of one hundred pounds, so long as he should continue their minister. April 30, 1722, the society passed a vote annexing the south part of Colchester and the north part of Lyme to the North Parish, and that a convenient site be agreed upon, as near the center of the parish as practicable on which to erect a meeting-house. June 13, 1722, Serj. Jonathan Hill, Lieut. Samuel Comstock, George Richards, Samuel Fox, and Benjamin Otis, were chosen a committee to lay out the minister's land. It was not until February, 1722-3, that arrangements were made to build a meeting-house. The size agreed upon was 35 x 45 feet, and 20 feet between joints. George Richards, John Vibber, and Jonathan Hill were chosen a committee to attend to the building of the house of worship. The site for the

house was to be on the land given by Major John Merrett and Mrs. Mercy Raymond. The committee made an agreement with Mr. John Hough of New London to build the house and become responsible individually for the expense of its erection; "the parish to become obligated to the committee to indemnify them against all damage that might come upon them."

At this date there were no public roads in the north and west parts of the parish, and, considering the necessity, a committee was appointed to lay out such highways as public interest seemed to require. Major John Merrett, Capt. Robert Denison, Mr. Jonathan Hill, and others, were by the parish appointed such committee. The committee at once entered upon their duty and laid out the following roads: First highway "to begin where the road that comes from near Nathaniel Otis' house intersects the county road that leads from New London to Colchester, thence to the east gate of John Merrett, near Nathaniel Rogers'; thence through the land of Daniel Rogers to a large white oak tree; thence to a bridge; thence to a heap of stones by a ledge; thence to the road that leads from New London to Norwich; thence to the cove known as Baker's Cove. Also from said Otis to Capt. Robert Denison's. Also another road from the place selected for the church, southeasterly to the Widow Comstock's, and also a road from John Merrett's east gate northward by Charles Campbell's and John Maples' house to the house of David Steel; thence westerly of Jonathan Hill's house to near the house of Adonijah Fitch; thence to a Norwich line. Also a road from John Merrett's dwelling house northerly to Jonathan Copp's mill." All the proprietors of the land through which these roads were laid out were "to have the privilege of erecting gates and to be maintained by the owners."

November 18, 1723, the following bill was presented at a parish-meeting covering the expense of building the meeting-house:

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Paid out by the committee, . . .	£179	9s.	6d.
To Jonathan Hill for services, . . .	7	0	0
“ John Vibber, . . . . .	2	0	0
“ Joseph Bradford, . . . . .	2	15	3
“ Nathaniel Otis, . . . . .	4	14	6
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December 30, 1723, at a parish meeting, Nathaniel Otis was chosen clerk; Jonathan Hill, Deacon Jonathan Copp, and John Vibber, committee; Joshua Baker and Adonijah Fitch, collectors.

October 5, 1724, it was voted “to build a school-house near the meeting-house, the same to be 19 feet long, 14 feet wide, and 7 feet posts.” The house was completed before the close of the year and a teacher hired. Mr. Allen Mullan was the first teacher approved by the committee. The parish settled upon him a salary of 24 pounds a year and ten acres of land forever. December 31, 1728, liberty was granted to John Vibber, Peter Wickwire, Jason Allen, Joseph Atwell, Samuel Fox, Jr., and John Nobles, “to build a stable on the southeast corner of the meeting-house lot, for the accommodation of horses when attending church.”

The General Assembly was petitioned in May, 1729, for liberty to straighten the south line of the parish “so that it should run by the south side of John Congdon’s farm, a due east course to the river, and a west course to Lyme line.” In June, 1730, a survey was made by Josiah Conant, county surveyor, and the south line of the parish established, by its approval by the parish.

The following survey was found in the parish records: “I, the subscriber, being desired by Mr. James Otis and Mr. Joshua Raymond of the second society in New London, to run a divided line between the first and second parishes in said New London, in pursuant to an Act of the Honorable Assembly holden at Hartford in May last, which was resolved as followeth: that for the future the dividing line shall begin

on the south side of Mr. Condall's farm, and from thence an east and west line throughout shall divide between said parishes, and in pursuance hereof I took to my assistance Mr. William Miner and Mr. Joshua Weeks, who were chain-men under oath, and beginning at a white oak tree a little northward of Mrs. Mary Comstock's house, which tree was shown me by Capt. Joshua Hempstead, Esq., and Capt. Thomas Prentis of New London, and others, to be the most southernmost part or corner of said Condall's farm, and from said tree we run east and made large monuments of stones every eighty rods until we came to the river (Thames), and found the whole distance from said tree to said river to be two hundred and sixty-three rods, where we made a large heap of stones on the bank by the river side, and returning back to said white oak tree we run and measured west, making large monuments of stones every eighty rods until we intersected the line between said New London and Lyme, when we made a large heap of stones around a small white oak tree, which stands close by the side of a small river, on the westerly side of said river, and here we found the distance from the first-mentioned white oak tree to the intersection of said line to be five miles and three-quarters and nineteen rods, which in the whole, adding the two hundred and sixty-three rods to five miles and three-quarters and nineteen rods, together makes in the whole six miles two hundred and two rods. This survey was finished June 26, 1730, by me,

JOSIAH CONANT,

Surveyor for the County of Windham.

At a parish meeting warned to be held January 26, 1735-6, none of the committee being present, it was adjourned to February 9th, at which time the meeting was dissolved without taking action on the question for which they were called together. The question pending was "whether they would use means to recover fifty pounds allowed to Mr. Hillhouse by the auditors in their settlement with him for the time he was absent on a visit to Ireland shortly after his settlement

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as pastor." At a subsequent meeting, held March 29, 1736, it was voted "that we use such means as are necessary to recover from Mr. Hillhouse the sum of fifty pounds as allowed by the auditors of account, and to appoint an agent to lay the matter before the General Assembly to be held in May following." Joshua Raymond was appointed such committee. The meeting was adjourned to the 19th day of April following, at which time it was voted "to hire the Rev. William Adams to preach to them three months." Peter Wickwire was appointed a committee to see Mr. Adams and to engage his services for the period voted.

Mr. Adams was engaged to supply the pulpit until November following. At the expiration of the time he was hired for three months more. About this time a committee of three was chosen to confer with Mr. Adams in regard to his settlement as pastor. Joseph Otis, Deacon Jonathan Copp, and James Harris were the committee. No arrangements having been made with Mr. Adams, whereby a settlement as their pastor could be accomplished, he, however, continued to preach to the church and society until some time in May, 1738, when the Rev. David Jewett was hired to supply the pulpit for a period of six months, and was afterwards settled and ordained pastor of the church and society.

At a parish meeting held January 13, 1736-7, and continued, by adjournment, to the 13th day of February following, Joshua Raymond, James Harris, and Joseph Otis were chosen agents to manage the case depending between the Rev. James Hillhouse and the parish. The unhappy difficulties which had existed for several years between Rev. Mr. Hillhouse and his parishioners continued to become more passionate, and both parties had to appeal first to the Ecclesiastical Council, and afterwards to the civil law.

The following vote recorded on the parish records was probably passed at an adjourned meeting of the society held May 31, 1737: "Voted, that Joseph Otis, Esq., Lieut. James Harris, and Joshua Raymond, agents, fully empow-

ered to remonstrate the aggrieved state of the church of Christ in the North Parish in New London unto the Rev. Council of Elders, etc., to be convened at the North Parish in Stonington, June the second, Tuesday, and particularly to represent the conduct of the Rev. Mr. James Hillhouse, our former pastor, since the result of the Council convened among us, to hear, consider, and determine of certain articles exhibited in way of charge and complaint against him on the first day of July, 1735, by which said Council it was resolved that the said Mr. Hillhouse in many instances hath been unfaithful to the great trust reposed in him, which Council adjourned to the 23d day of July, 1735, and accordingly met at New London, North Parish, aforesaid, and entering into a further consideration of the premises relating to and in behalf of the parish to act and defend the same with the best advice they could obtain."

The agents were empowered to engage such attorneys as, in their judgment, was thought best to assist them in the defense, and to remove the action by a review or appeal, if occasion should require it. At the same meeting ten persons were chosen from the principal freeholders residing in the parish, "to consider the propriety of requesting the Indians," belonging to the Mohegan tribe, "to unite with the English in public worship, at one place, and also to consider the propriety of building a new meeting-house where it would better accommodate both the Indians and English." The committee chosen was to consist of five persons residing west of the meeting-house, and five residing east of the meeting-house, with power to confer and treat with those persons in Boston who had the supervision and power of disposing of the money given to Christianize the Indians and to lay the circumstances of the Indians in their connection with the parish before the Boston gentlemen to consider, and if, in the opinion of these gentlemen, it would be advisable that the Indians unite with the English in the public worship at one place. This committee were to ascertain what proportion of the minister's

salary the gentlemen would consent to pay out of the funds at their disposal for the Christianization of the Indians. This committee were also to arrange for a place of worship and designate the best site for the erection of a new meeting-house, and lay the matter before the parish for their approval. Joseph Otis, Robert Denison, William Whiting, James Otis, and David Copp of this committee, residing on the west of the old meeting-house, and James Harris, Jason Allen, John Comstock, John Vibber, and Joshua Raymond on the east. Whether it was owing to some disagreement on the part of the committee, or whether the commissioners at Boston refused to allow the funds for the Indians to be used in the way proposed by the parish, or whether from some other cause, it is not shown what the difficulty was, but the matter of the uniting of the Indians with the English was deferred for several years, and was finally arranged after Mr. Jewett became pastor.

At a meeting of the parish held March 7, 1736-7, James Harris, Peter Wickwire, and John Vibber were chosen a committee to treat with Rev. Mr. Barber and the Mohegan Indians in the matter of having but one place of public worship for both the Indians and the English settlers, and to lay the matter before the Honorable Commissioners at Boston and elsewhere, having the disposal of the money for Christianizing the Indians, for their concurrence. The following vote, recorded on the parish records, was probably passed at a church meeting held May 10, 1737, and adjourned to May 31st:

“Voted, that Joseph Otis, Lieut. James Harris, and Joshua Raymond, agents, fully empowered to remonstrate the aggrieved state of the church of Christ in the North Parish in New London with the Rev. Council of Elders, etc., to be convened at the North Parish in Stonington, June the second, Tuesday, and particularly to represent the conduct of the Rev. Mr. James Hillhouse, our former pastor, since the result of the Council convened among us to hear, consider,



and determine of certain articles exhibited in way of charge and complaint against him on the first day of July, 1735, by which said council it was resolved that the said Mr. Hillhouse in many instances hath been unfaithful to the great trust reposed in him, which Council adjourned on the 23d day of July, 1735, and accordingly met at New London, North Parish, aforesaid, and entering into a further consideration of the premises relating to the former and later conduct of him, the said Mr. Hillhouse, did thereupon finally judge and determine it highly fit that the said Mr. Hillhouse should resign his pastoral office among the people of said parish, and thereupon ordered and directed that he resign said office accordingly, and in consequence thereof advised us as speedily as might be to call some fit person to supply the aforesaid pastoral office, all of which fully appears by the result of the aforesaid Council. In compliance wherewith we have endeavored to act in all things, and by the advice of the neighboring ministers, have been very industrious to obtain another minister and the resettlement of ourselves. But, to our great surprise, the said Mr. Hillhouse, notwithstanding the justice and authority of the aforesaid result and his own submission thereto, hath yet ever since opposed himself to such of our endeavors, challenges the office of pastor to us again and labors to discourage any ministers coming to preach to us, and charges them who come unto our help as being guilty of usurpation upon his office and care, and by his artful insinuations hath divided our people into parties and heads, a number thereof unto whom he preaches in his private house every Sabbath day, and is resolute to persist therein, challenges salary since such result, and hath sued the society aforesaid therefor by an action now pending in the court. By which surprising conduct, and as we conceive great disorder to him, the said Mr. Hillhouse in contempt of the aforesaid result, our civil and religious interests and concerns much embroiled, perplexed, and destroyed, and a once well-organized church of Christ utterly destroyed and dissolved if some speedy

remedy be not provided and applied. Wherein the honor of Christ and His holy religion is so much concerned that renders the premises a just cause of their attention, together with the peace of the society and the good of souls, and the vacation of the authority of the result aforesaid. All which matters at large we desire to empower and instruct Joseph Otis, Esq., James Harris, and Joshua Raymond, our aforesaid agents, to lay before the Council in their next convention at North Stonington as aforesaid, and pray their effectual determination thereupon.

“Signed by Deacon Jonathan Copp, Moderator.”

The association which met at North Stonington on the 7th day of June, 1737, upon the consideration of the existing difficulties between the North Parish church and their pastor, advised the people of the parish to apply to the Consociation of New London County, “and request them to repair to the society” in the North Parish of New London “on Tuesday the 28th instant, to hear, consider and resolve upon such matters as shall then be represented and exhibited in charge against the aforesaid Mr. Hillhouse.” There are no records that show whether the Consociation was convened as advised by the association, or whether they did not. The people were now divided into two parties, each claiming the house of worship and a right to the pulpit. Other ministers were employed by the majority; the friends of Mr. Hillhouse appear to have been in the minority. Mr. Hillhouse continued to preach to a few of his parishioners in his own house. His admissions to the church were as late as May 1, 1737, and baptisms were made up to August, 1740.

In the year 1735 Rev. James Hillhouse brought a petition to the General Assembly in which he claimed “that his parishioners have failed and do neglect to fulfill their covenant with him as their minister and praying for relief.” The General Assembly appointed auditors “to adjust the accounts between the said Mr. Hillhouse and his parishioners relating to his salary.” The auditors, upon examination of the case,

found the parish in arrears to Mr. Hillhouse in the sum of £587, 9s., 3d., and on report of the auditors the Assembly ordered the whole amount due from the parish to be forthwith collected. This order of the General Assembly caused considerable feeling on the part of the inhabitants of the North Parish, and a memorial was at once presented to stay the proceedings. At the time the Rev. James Hillhouse was called to settle as pastor, no church edifice had been erected in the North Parish. It was a newly settled territory, and literally a wilderness. Their first meetings were held at the private dwelling house of Mr. Samuel Allen. During the time in which the meeting-house was being built, in 1723, Mr. Hillhouse returned to his native country. He was absent about six months. On his return to his field of labors the house of worship had been so far completed as to be in a condition to receive its worshipers. The salary was to be raised by taxation on the property of the inhabitants. Owing to this taxation, and the expense incurred in the erection of the house of worship, the burden was much felt by many of the people. Some who were able to pay their rates neglected to meet the demands made upon them, while others of scanty means could not, from necessity, meet the requirements and demands of the church organization in the payment of the minister's salary, and as a consequence the salary was never fully paid up. The privations and discomforts incident to a pioneer life are not helpful to a true religious culture or church support. The minister found his work often seriously hindered by the many trials incident to such a life. The physical wants of the people must be supplied, their homes were to be built, their land must be cleared and tilled, roads cut through the hitherto pathless woods, and all those conveniences which, in these days, one generation finds prepared for them by the preceding, these our fathers had to gather about their new homes by the most unwearied industry. The matters of the church here were kept along with tolerable success and harmony until about the year 1729, when the arrears on the

minister's salary were fast accumulating, and Mr. Hillhouse was urging his people to pay up. About this time several withdrew their support from the church, feeling that the burden was greater than they could bear. Taxes were continued to be laid, and the few who were desirous of sustaining the gospel in the parish and uniting the people in the work had to redouble their efforts to keep up religious service among them. Many of the property-holders refused to pay their rates as assessed to them, and it was difficult to obtain collectors who would act. Under these influences matters grew worse from year to year.

It appears that there was a misunderstanding as to the time when the minister's salary should begin, some claiming that he should not receive any salary while absent on his visit to Ireland, and that his salary should commence with his labors after his return to the parish. Mr. Hillhouse, however, claimed full salary from the date of his installation. This difference of opinion was a subject of much bitter discussion. In May, 1735, a committee was appointed by the society to confer with Mr. Hillhouse, and, if possible, effect a reconciliation of the difficulties. As soon as the committee was chosen, and before any action had been taken or decided upon by the committee, Mr. Hillhouse addressed them a letter, a copy of which appears from the society records, and is as follows:

“Gentlemen:—You may assure yourselves it is no delight or pleasure to me to make you the trouble or give you occasion of meeting, but necessity to the supplying of which if you will assure me of one hundred pounds in a short time I will at present drop that affair.

“JAMES HILLHOUSE.”

The committee laid the matter before the society, which, by a vote, instructed the committee to communicate to Mr. Hillhouse the following reply to his letter:

“The parish complies with your request in procuring a hundred pounds in public bills of credit, provided that shall

answer in full for one year's salary, and also to add the words 'in full' to your former receipts."

In reply to the above communication, Mr. Hillhouse said in another letter:

"Gentlemen: — In answer to yours, if so be that you will pay me the hundred pounds forthwith, or give me sufficient security that I may have it in a short time, I will upon your paying the hundred pounds give a sufficient receipt, and if there be any injustice in any of the receipts that I have already given I stand ready to right them.

"JAMES HILLHOUSE."

The proposition of Mr. Hillhouse, as expressed in his last letter to the society, was not accepted by them for the reason, as they say, "it being looked upon as ambiguous and precarious." Thus affairs stood until the death of Mr. Hillhouse, which occurred December 15, 1740. No final settlement of the difficulties between Mr. Hillhouse and the society was ever consummated.

Then difficulties, which naturally grew out of a misunderstanding as to the commencement of the salary, and an inability on the part of the inhabitants of the parish to meet all the demands upon them consequent upon their beginning of a new settlement in a wilderness, and being attended with much care and perplexity on the part of Mr. Hillhouse, probably hastened his death. So far as the writer has been able to gather facts from the records at his command, Rev. James Hillhouse was a man of good-natured abilities, of great sagacity, zealous for the truth, and contended strongly for his rights. The rumor, which is still extant, that these unhappy difficulties commenced in a controversy between Mr. Hillhouse and his next neighbor, Capt. Denison, regarding certain land bounds, appears to have no foundation in facts; no such charge was ever publicly preferred against him, and the writer has never found in any public or private documents that anything of a dishonest character was justly laid against him.

It is not to be supposed that all the men upon whom this little church was dependent for its support were men of culture and stability; the very chances for speculation and excitement of the life itself would naturally draw into society the restless, the adventurous and unprincipled. In this newly-settling territory, where land was often bought up and held for speculation, there should be none who were impulsive, wayward, and insubordinate. It would be very strange if religion, which pledges peace and harmony, should not prove in such a mixed community a source of alienation and of earnest conflict. What more could be expected than that sharp diversions should arise, and that heated and obstinate maintenance of views and opinions would end in alienations and feuds? At a meeting of the General Assembly held at Hartford, May 13, 1736, a memorial was presented by Joshua Raymond, agent for the North Parish of New London, in which was shown that Joseph Backus, Simeon Lathrop, and John Huntington, auditors, appointed by the Assembly to settle the accounts between the parish and Mr. Hillhouse, had found the parish in arrears and that the parish had voted a rate of six pence on the pound to balance the balance of arrears still unpaid, but as no person in the parish could be prevailed upon to collect the tax, this petition was brought to the Assembly, asking that the sheriff of New London county be authorized to collect the tax in the parish, and pay the same over to the parish committee. The petition was granted and the execution, which had previously been granted in favor of Mr. Hillhouse against the parish, was ordered to be suspended for two months. This action of the General Assembly caused the already existing bitter feelings on the part of Mr. Hillhouse's enemies to become still more bitter and malicious against him and his friends, and it was many years before harmony was restored in the parish. At a meeting of the North Parish held Oct. 2, 1738, a vote was passed authorizing John Lee of Lyme as their agent to defend the parish against Rev. Mr. Hillhouse before the General Assembly,

to be held at New Haven during that month; and also that Mr. Lee, in behalf of the parish, present a memorial to the Assembly praying that body to grant them relief in their difficulties. Rev. James Hillhouse having been formally dismissed from his connection with the society, had taken with him the settlement conferred upon him at the time of his becoming their pastor, of the land that was given by the Assembly for ministerial purposes, and now they were without a pastor or any land to settle upon him when such could be obtained. They, therefore, desired the Assembly to give further assistance by granting other land for the settling of another minister. On the 3d day of October, 1739, Rev. David Jewett was ordained pastor of the church in the North Parish of New London, and by a grant of the General Assembly, in 1742, fifty acres of land were given to him, it being what remained of the first grant made to the parish at the time of Mr. Hillhouse's settlement.

The land settled upon Mr. Hillhouse and on which he erected a dwelling-house was occupied by him until his death, and then descended to his heirs, who held possession of it many years. It was finally sold by them and passed out of the name. It was subsequently purchased by William Raymond, Esq., and on his death it descended to his two sons, William and Richard, and divided as nearly as possible. Rev. David Jewett's farm was situated on a hill about one-half a mile from the main road, northeast of the present meeting-house, on which he built a house and lived there until his death in 1783.

In the year 1745 the subject in relation to the Indians uniting with the English in religious worship, and of bearing their proportion of the expense attending the ministry, was brought up. A committee was appointed by the society to meet the chief, Ben Uncas, and other prominent members of the Mohegan tribe of Indians, and ascertain the conditions on which a union could be obtained. At a parish meeting, held February 18, 1745-6, the following resolution was

passed: "Considering that Ben Uncas, Chief Sachem of the Mohegan Indians, together with the most of said tribe, who are desirous of being instructed in Christian religion having manifested their willingness and desire of uniting with us in one church or assembly under Rev. David Jewett's ministry, and further this parish having by their vote expressed their readiness so to unite, provided there could be a mutual agreement as to the terms." Mr. Jewett, for some time before his settlement as pastor over the church in North Parish, had been engaged as a missionary among the Mohegan Indians, and had become greatly endeared to them. It was this kindly feeling on the part of the Indians toward Mr. Jewett that they were so strongly desirous of becoming connected with the society and uniting with the church, many of whom did afterwards join the church and became regular attendants upon the public worship. The people of the parish undoubtedly had a motive in urging the Indians to unite with them. It would not only be a means to the Christianization of the Indians, but it would serve as a means toward the support of the church through the funds provided by the colony for the benefit of the Indians. In January, 1747-8, the matter was again brought up in regard to removing the meeting-house to some more convenient spot further east. The easterly and southerly part of the parish had become more thickly settled, and, for the better accommodation of the members of the tribe of Indians, it was deemed best to locate the meeting-house on a site so as to better accommodate the Indians and the people living in the east part of the parish. A committee was, therefore, chosen and agreed upon, consisting of persons who were residents of other parishes to determine upon the site for the erection of a new meeting-house. This committee consisted of Col. Jonathan Trumbull, Esq., John Ledyard, and Esq. Luke Perkins. The committee thus chosen met at the house of John Bradford in the North Parish of New London, on the first Tuesday in March, 1747-8, to hear the requests of the various parties interested, and to examine the



several sites proposed, and to locate and determine upon the spot which, in their judgment, would be the most convenient for all concerned.

The committee, not agreeing upon a site at that time, another parish meeting was called and held on the first Monday in April of the same year. At which meeting it was voted not to remove the old meeting-house from where it then stood, but to repair it and let it stand where it was. The house was, therefore, repaired and remained on the original site until the year 1772, when a new site was then agreed upon, and a new house of worship erected. At a meeting of the inhabitants of the North Parish in New London, held the 23d day of December, 1771, a committee was chosen "to take into consideration the matter of building a new meeting-house; view the several places proposed and agree upon a site and report at an adjourned meeting." The committee was composed of twelve persons who were residents of the parish, and who were among the most prominent members of the society. At the adjourned meeting of the parish held on the 9th day of January, 1772, the report of the committee was submitted to the meeting and accepted. The report was as follows: "We, the subscribers, being appointed a committee at your annual parish meeting to take into consideration the matters concerning building a meeting-house in this parish, view the several places that may be proposed and see if we could agree upon a place for that purpose and report, etc., Beg leave to report that pursuant to the appointment, we met together on the 26th day of December and viewed the several places proposed and considered the same with the attending circumstances, and have agreed mutually that all the circumstances of the parish considered it will be for the peace and quiet of the parish to build a new meeting-house at the northeast corner of the meadow of Joshua Raymond, at a place known

by the name of the 'White Oak Stick,' all of which is submitted by your humble servants.

Dated, New London, Dec. 26th, 1771.

Adonijah Fitch,	John Raymond,	} <i>Committee.</i>
James Fitch,	Joseph Chester,	
Nathaniel Comstock,	Ebenezer Weeks,	
Ezekiel Fox,	Peter Comstock,	
Wm. Hillhouse,	Joseph Ford,	
Joshua Raymond,		

At the adjourned meeting, held January 9, 1772, it was voted "to apply to the County Court for an approval of the site fixed by the committee for building a new meeting-house." The Court subsequently approved of the site agreed upon by the committee, and a new house of worship was immediately erected. The site then selected, and on which the new meeting-house was built, is the same on which the present church edifice now stands.

The house then built was about fifty feet on each side, fronting to the east, with porches or wings on the north and south side extended above the peak of the main building several feet, on the top of which was a spire with a vane attached. There were three doors for entering from the outside, one in the center of the main building, and one in each porch, all on the easterly side. The stairs leading to the gallery were in the porches, the gallery extended on three sides of the building and was supported in front by posts. On the back side of the gallery next to the wall of the building were square box pews, which were elevated above the front seats from two to three feet. In front of the gallery were the "singers' seats," extending around the three sides, the breastwork forming the front of the seats and served as a receptacle for the hymn and singing-books. The windows contained glass which was of the size of 7 x 9 inches, with twenty panes in each sash. On the main floor were twenty-eight box-pews, and in the gallery there were thirteen. Each pew

was capable of seating from ten to twelve persons. The pulpit was located in the center of the west side, being elevated four or five feet above the floor, and in front of which was the deacons' seat.

At this date the former system of taxation to raise the minister's salary had become unpopular. A new method for raising the salary was adopted, that of renting the pews. In the old meeting-house the pews were owned by those who had put them up, and held by them as real estate and descended by heirship. The new method was to sell the pews each year, the person buying a pew was required to give his note, payable on the first day of January of the following year with interest on the same after it became due until paid. The sale took place in the month of January in each year. This new meeting-house, which was erected in 1772, was not fully completed at that time; improvements were made from time to time as circumstances favored. At first no plastering was put upon the walls, timbers were not cased, and no stove put into it until after the year 1800. On the 25th day of May, 1823, while the congregation was engaged in worship on the Sabbath, the house was struck by lightning, the fluid entering by the spire on the north porch and following down the posts of the porch and running along the timbers of the house in all directions, shivering timbers and casements, scattering splinters and broken fragments of ceilings throughout the entire building. Two persons were instantly killed, Mrs. Betsey Bradford, wife of Perez Bradford, and a child of John R. Comstock. Many were shocked and a general consternation seized the awe-stricken assembly.

The building being very much damaged, it was soon after repaired, the upper portion of the north porch was taken off and was finished up at the same height with the south porch. This house stood until the year 1847, when it was taken down and the present house of worship erected on the site, at a cost of \$2,000. Sherwood Raymond, Esq., gave \$500 toward the building of the house, and the balance was made up by

subscriptions varying from \$200 to \$25. Its size is fifty feet in length and thirty-five feet in width, with twenty-foot posts. In the year 1860 the bell was placed in the belfry, it being obtained through the efforts of Rev. Hiram C. Hays, then acting pastor of the church.

Rev. David Jewett was ordained pastor of the church in the North Parish of New London on the 3d day of October, 1739, it being the same day of the month and the same month, seventeen years before, that Rev. James Hillhouse was installed. He died in June, 1783, aged sixty-six years, after a united and prosperous ministry of forty-five years. The admissions to the church during his ministry were 136 whites and 21 Indians belonging to the Mohegan tribe. Among those of the Indians who joined the church in full connection were Widow Anna Uncas, wife of Benjamin Uncas the Sachem; Lucy Cohegan; Joshua Nonesuch and his wife, Hannah; Andrew Tantapah; Cyrus Junce and two sisters, Sarah and Lucy; Samuel Ashpo; Widow Hannah Cooper, wife of John Cooper, and others.

In 1756 Mr. Jewett obtained leave of absence for several months to act as chaplain in the army, to which service he was afterwards very often called, not only during the French War, but in that of the Revolution. He was born in Rowley, Mass.

Rev. Rozel Cook, the third pastor, who was previously settled in Watertown, Litchfield County, Conn., succeeded Mr. Jewett, and was ordained June 30, 1784. An ordination at that period called forth a great concourse of people, and was frequently followed by a dance and supper. Yet, it must not be supposed that the minister or any of the church managers took part in the "wind up"; it was the congregation or young people's ball. Mr. Cook had settled upon him the sum of two hundred and sixty pounds, and a yearly salary of sixty pounds, and thirty cords of wood delivered at his home, so long as he should continue their gospel minister. Afterwards the sum of forty pounds was added to his settlement,

making in all the sum of three hundred pounds, with which money a farm was purchased of Peletiah Bliss, and the deed of the same was given to Mr. Cook. On this farm Mr. Cook settled and lived there until his death, April 18, 1798. At his death the farm was distributed among his children, and is still owned by one of his grandsons. Mr. Cook died in the fourteenth year of his ministry, and in the forty-second year of his age. Mr. Cook's letter of acceptance, when called by the church and society of the North Parish in New London, as found recorded on the society records, was as follows:

“ New London, May 21st, 1784.

“ Gentlemen: — I have taken into consideration the particular situation of ye church and society of New London North Parish and also their union in and call to me to settle with them as their gospel minister and all circumstances relative thereto. The present prospects of a happy union and of being in ye hands of Providence, an instrument (though but weak) to promote your peace and edification. I have on ye whole concluded so far to blot out all disagreeable circumstances from my mind, as to give you my answer in ye affirmative. At ye same time most earnestly praying Christ Jesus the Great Head of ye church and Governor of ye union to send his spirit and grace into our hearts to guide and direct us in ye way of our duty and to order all things relative to so great, weighty and solemn a transaction as our uniting together as minister and people in such a manner as may do honor to His great name and most happily promote the best interests of His kingdom.

“ ROZEL COOK.

“ To the committee chosen by the church and society to wait on me with their votes and to receive my answer.”

The ministers who took part in Mr. Cook's ordination were Rev. Benjamin Throop of Norwich, Rev. Benjamin Trumbull of North Haven, Rev. Timothy Stone of Lebanon, and Rev. Levi Heart of Preston, with their delegates.





CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (MONTVILLE CENTER).

In the ecclesiastical history of New London Miss Caulkins relates the incident of Mr. Cook's preaching the last sermon in the old meeting-house on "Meeting House Hill" in New London, August 23, 1786. The occasion was that of the sudden death of Sally, daughter of Thaddeus Brooks, who was killed by lightning on the day previous. Mr. Cook's text was from Job 37, 11-14. In 1798 a fund was raised by subscriptions for the support of the minister, the taxation and sale of the pews having become odious and burdensome, was abandoned. The sum raised and funded at that time was 1,067 pounds. The subscription list comprised ninety names, which, probably, was the full number of families then belonging to the congregation. This became the nucleus to the present fund of the society. Many of those who subscribed at that time gave their notes to the treasurer of the society, and paid the interest annually, while others paid in the cash, which was loaned by the treasurer, he collecting the interest annually for the support of the ministry. In 1800 an additional subscription was made, securing to the society its present fund, amounting to the sum of three thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars (\$3,672).

Rev. Amos G. Thompson became the successor of Mr. Cook, and was installed Sept. 26, 1799. He had previously been connected with the Methodist denomination, and had been ordained elder by Bishop Asbury, at Leesburg, Va., in 1790. Withdrawing from that connection in 1798, he offered himself as a candidate for the Congregational ministry, and was examined and approved by the association of Windham county, his ordination accepted as valid, and received to the fellowship and communion of the Congregational churches. His ministry here was short. He died Oct. 23, 1801, in the thirty-eighth year of his age.

Rev. Abishai Alden was the successor to Mr. Thompson, and was installed Aug. 17, 1803. Mr. Alden had previously supplied the pulpit for a time, and, in May, 1803, a call was extended him by the church and society to settle among them



as their gospel minister. A salary of three hundred dollars annually was voted him by the society. The following letter was received by the committee appointed to communicate to him the wish of the society:

“ To the Congregational church and society in Montville.

“ Brethren and Friends :— In the course of Divine Providence it has pleased the Great Head of the church so far to unite this church and society, as to give me a call to settle with them in the work of the gospel ministry. I have taken your call under consideration, consulted the advice of my brethren in the ministry and addressed the throne of grace for light and direction so far as duty is made plain to me. I think I see my way clear to settle with you in the work of the ministry. Therefore I give my answer in the affirmative and accept the proposals which you have made. Wishing that we may be built up in the faith and order of the gospel, asking your prayers that I might be found a faithful watchman, and that we being found in the faith may be so happy at last as to meet Christ Jesus, is the sincere prayer and wish of your affectionate friend and well wisher,

ABISHAI ALDEN.

“ Montville, June 6th, 1803.”

Mr. Alden was a faithful minister and efficient pastor for twenty-three years, having the love and confidence of his parishioners up to within a few years of his dismissal, when differences arose which resulted in the alienation of a part of his people, and a division among the members of the society. A few of the members of the church were strongly opposed to his remaining pastor of the church longer, but he had also many firm friends who continued true and faithful to him in his trials. A council was, however, called, and he was dismissed from his charge April 26, 1826. During his ministry one hundred and eighty-two persons were received to the communion of the church, several of whom are still living. Ninety-one were added to the church between Oct. 5, 1823,

and August 1, 1824. Mr. Alden continued to reside in the parish until about 1830, when he removed to Dover, New Hampshire, where he died greatly respected.


At a society meeting held on the 18th day of June, 1825, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that whereas sundry persons belonging to the first Ecclesiastical Society in Montville, and members of the church in their individual capacity, have brought various accusations against the Rev. Abishai Alden, tending to impeach his moral and religious character, And whereas the said persons and Mr. Alden agree to have or submit these accusations to the arbitration and decision of a certain number of ministers with their delegates to convene in the capacity of an Ecclesiastical Council, And whereas said council after a thorough and lengthy hearing and consideration of the several charges preferred by said persons against Mr. Alden have judged and decided that said charges or accusations were not substantial, and that Mr. Alden was not guilty of the several charges brought against him. Thereupon, Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that we concur in the decision of the aforesaid council and are satisfied by hearing the testimony adduced in support of those accusations, that Mr. Alden was not guilty of improper or dishonorable conduct in the several transactions stated in those accusations which can or ought to impeach his character as a man or a minister of the gospel.

"And, Whereas, said council did advise that if the difficulties between Mr. Alden and the above mentioned persons could not be settled, that a dissolution of the connection between Mr. Alden and the church and society should take place. Therefore further resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that said council after their acquittal of Mr. Alden, having not found him guilty of death or of bonds, ought not to have expressed or given advice in the case, especially when the controversy was between certain individuals in the society and Mr. Alden, and not between the church and society and Mr. Alden. And further resolved, that it is the opinion of

the meeting that it will greatly adduce to the happiness and well being of this Ecclesiastical Society in a civil and religious view that now when the council agreed upon by the parties have acquitted the defendant, that the plaintiff should sheath the sword and lay down the weapons of their warfare and unite with their fellow citizens in promoting the benefit and happiness of the society."

Very soon after Mr. Alden's dismissal Rev. James Noyes was engaged to supply the pulpit; at first for five Sabbaths, and afterwards the time was extended to three months. After the close of Mr. Noyes' engagement Mr. Alden was hired to supply the pulpit for six months at a salary of five dollars per week. Mr. Alden continued to preach for the society until the first of April, 1829, after that date Rev. Rodolphus Landfear supplied, who soon after received a call by the church and society to become their pastor. On May 30, 1829, the society, by their vote, extended to the Rev. Rodolphus Landfear a call to settle as their pastor. The call was accepted and Mr. Landfear was installed Aug. 21, 1829. His ministry was short, continuing less than three years.

On the 10th day of May, 1832, he made a request of the church and society that they unite with him in calling a council for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relation existing between him and the people. The church and society uniting, a council was convened on the 30th day of May, 1832, and Mr. Landfear was dismissed and the pastoral relation dissolved. During his ministry forty persons were received into the church. His voice failing him was the reason of his resigning his charge, and the trouble became so serious as to prevent him from engaging thereafter in the public duties of the ministry. He was esteemed by all as a very exemplary, conscientious, and devoted Christian man. He was afterwards a city missionary in Hartford for a time, and also in Boston. Mr. Landfear was born in Manchester, Conn., Nov. 2, 1794. Graduated at Yale College in 1821, and at the Andover Theological Seminary in 1824. He served as a



home missionary at Maryville and Ashville, New York, and was for a time an agent of the Connecticut Bible Society, previous to his coming to Montville. He died at Hartford May 28, 1880.

After the dismissal of Mr. Landfear, Rev. Erastus Ripley was engaged and served as stated supply until June, 1838. Four persons only were received into communion with the church during his ministry. Some time during the first part of the year 1838 Rev. Spencer F. Beard received a unanimous call to become their pastor, and was installed July 5, 1838. During his ministry of eight years, forty-one persons were admitted into the church on profession, and twenty-one children were baptized. A precious revival was enjoyed by the church in the early part of Mr. Beard's ministry here. He was dismissed by the association June 24, 1846, and was followed by Rev. John W. Salter, who became acting pastor in August, 1847. The same year the present church edifice was erected on the site of the old church building, and dedicated in November of the same year. During Mr. Salter's ministry here thirteen persons were received into the church, two on profession, the remaining ones by letter. Mr. Salter closed his labors with the church April 1, 1858. Mr. Salter was an enthusiastic advocate of temperance, and early in his ministry here urged the adoption of the temperance pledge by the church, which was readily accepted. All persons thereafter, during his stay with the people, propounded or examined for admission to the church were required, before admission, to sign the pledge.

After the close of Mr. Salter's labors here the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Thomas L. Shipman, Rev. Frederick Graves, and Rev. Joseph Hurlburt, each occupying about six months. In Sept., 1859, Rev. Hiram C. Haydn, a young, enthusiastic man, a late graduate of Amherst College of the class of '57, received their unanimous invitation to become acting pastor. The invitation was accepted and he at once entered upon his duties. The church had at that time become somewhat

divided and thereby weakened. He entered work of uniting and building up the church, blessed and the church was again in a pros Through his efforts the church building was and inside, and a bell hung in the belfry. a faithful and effective preacher, gaining the love of his hearers. He closed his labors here much respected and loved by the people.

Rev. Robert Bayard Snowden, another loved Mr. Haydn, and commenced his labor in April, 1861. He continued his labors and left for another field of labor. He was Rev. Walter R. Long, who faithfully served two years more, and was succeeded by Rev. W son, who labored with much earnestness for his labors in October, 1867. During his new parsonage was built, and he was the occupy it.

#### CHESTERFIELD.

The General Assembly, at its session at 15, 1769, upon the memorial of Jonathan and others, inhabitants of New London and Lyme ecclesiastical society within the bounds described memorial to be called by the name of Chesterfield. The boundaries of the society commenced "at a birch a cluster of round high rocks on Rogers Mountain in New London first society, then west two one-half south, six hundred and sixty rods to then west ten degrees north five hundred and a heap of stones on a hill of rocks, then west and one-half south two hundred rods, then west south, one hundred and fifty rods to Thomas a little southeast from his dwelling house; degrees and one-half north three hundred and a heap of stones, then west five degrees north to four mile river, then the same course to



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until July, 1772, that a site was agreed upon. Application had been made to the county court to establish a site. The site established by the county court was accepted by the society and a meeting-house erected on the hill south of Jonathan Latimer's house, and is where the present cemetery now stands. The first society meeting held in the new meeting-house was on the 17th day of August, 1773, at which time it was voted "to give Mr. Avery a call to preach two months on probation." On the 22d day of March, 1775, Mr. Avery was ordained as their minister. Rev. Mr. Jewett, Rev. Mr. Hart, Rev. Mr. Judson, Rev. Mr. Keeney, and Rev. Mr. Johnson were selected by the society to be the ordaining council. It appears that before a year had elapsed Mr. Avery desired to be released from his engagement to settle as their minister, but the society refused to release him. Soon after, in May, 1776, the society again called a meeting to consider the matter, and agreed "to have a council of ministers for advice." The ministers selected were Rev. Mr. Jewett, Rev. Mr. Judson, Rev. Mr. Johnson, and Rev. Mr. Troop. The council met at Major Latimer's June 25, 1776. What the advice of the council was at this time does not appear, but at a subsequent meeting of the society it was voted "to release Mr. Avery from all contracts with them relative to his settling as their pastor." From this time the society seemed to lose all interest in church matters, and for two years previous to 1780 the society were without officers.

In February, 1780, application was made to Abraham Chapman, a justice of the peace in Lyme, for authority to warn a society meeting. Authority being given, a meeting was called soon after and officers chosen. Some of the old spirit for religious worship was again revived. Meetings in the church were regularly held on the Sabbath for several years. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to settle a minister, but probably owing to differences among the members of the church and society, and an accumulated debt upon the society, they could not agree to settle a minister. About

this time several members of the church joined the Separatists, who held meetings in that vicinity. Meetings were, however, kept up in the church, the pulpit being supplied by a succession of ministers until 1824. During the last years of the existence of this Congregational Church the services were principally conducted by the Baptist denomination.

In the year 1824 the old meeting-house was taken down, and a new one erected on a site given by Nathan Latimer, situate about one-half a mile north of the spot where the first house was built. Another attempt was made to reorganize and revive the church and society. Rev. Nathaniel Miner received a call to settle as pastor. The call was accepted and Mr. Miner was ordained pastor in 1826. The members of the church at this time were few and widely scattered. At the end of about five years it was completely overshadowed by a Baptist church that rose and flourished by its side. This Baptist church, since its organization, has continued to prosper until the present time. It was organized in 1824 with thirty members, a house of worship was erected, and Elder Simon Bockwith was their first minister. He was succeeded by Elder Oliver Wilson, who commenced his labors April 1, 1825, and continued a faithful and respected pastor of the church until some time in 1832. Many, during his ministry, were baptized and united with the church. During the last years of his labors difficulties arose between him and his parishioners which resulted not only in his dismissal, but also in his exclusion from the church. Elder N. E. Shailer was his successor, and an acceptable preacher for two years, when Elder Jonathan Miner succeeded him and continued his labors two years more. In 1847 Rev. Charles H. Gates was ordained pastor of the church, and continued his relations as such pastor till 1850, when he was dismissed. From 1850 to 1875 a succession of ministers were employed from year to year. During the year 1875 a number of its members withdrew and formed a Methodist church; a house of worship was erected near the Baptist church edifice. At this date, 1884, two

societies are endeavoring to sustain the gospel in the old Chesterfield society, with but few members in each. Rev. George H. Lester was acting pastor of the Baptist church from 1875 to 1881. He was an earnest and faithful minister, greatly respected, not only in his own church, but by the neighboring parishes.

A small society of Separatists were gathered in the south-east part of North Parish about the year 1747. They called themselves "New Lights." Many were attracted to them on account of the zeal manifested in their worship. These Separatists were first under the leadership of one Dyer Hyde, a New Light preacher. Mr. Hyde was successful in drawing away from the Congregational churches many members. In May, 1750, Joshua Morse, a resident of the North Parish, was ordained their elder. About this time they erected a meeting-house on the site where the old Palmer meeting-house afterwards stood. This society of Separatists, or Baptists, kept together about thirty years. Though they called themselves Baptists, they held to open communion. Elder Morse removed, in 1779, to Sandisfield, Mass., and the church, which he had so long kept together, soon became extinct. From the remnant of the Morse church originated the Palmer Baptist church. A few years previous to the organization of the Palmer church a band had gathered, and Elder Christopher Palmer and Elder Abel Palmer of Colchester held occasional services in the old Morse meeting-house. On the 22d day of February, 1788, a church was organized by Elder Christopher and Abel Palmer, by giving to those persons whose names had been signed to a covenant, the right hand of fellowship. Soon after the church was organized Elder Reuben Palmer was called to be their minister. Mr. Palmer had been ordained to the ministry in Stonington, Conn., where he had resided until his removal to Montville in 1788. He was not installed their pastor until several years afterwards. In November, 1798, a council was called for the purpose of installing him. The council





pastor. After Elder Darrow removed from the place the church had a succession of ministers until 1876, when Rev. C. H. Hickock was engaged as acting pastor. During his ministry the church built a parsonage, and after a ministry of about two years, Rev. Mr. Hickock resigned, and Rev. J. J. Bronson was engaged, and continued to serve the church about two years more. In the spring of 1880 Rev. Warren N. Walden became acting pastor. Under his faithful and efficient labors the church has continued united, and has been greatly prospered.

#### MOHEGAN CHURCH AND SOCIETY.

From the period of the first settlement of the English in the Mohegan territory great interest has been manifested by the white people in the moral and intellectual condition of the natives of the soil. When first known by the English these native settlers were sunk in darkness, ignorance, and stupidity.

Rev. James Fitch appears to have been the first to be touched with pity for their condition, and spared no pains to alleviate it, both as to their spiritual and temporal plight. From the time when the Colonial Assembly requested Rev. Mr. Fitch to teach Uncas and his family Christianity to the present time, philanthropists have been raised up who have made the Mohegan tribe their special care. And from the first, though but little impression could be made upon the native chief by his friend, Rev. Mr. Fitch, yet many of the common people have listened with attention, and many of the tribe have given evidence of conversion. Miss Sarah Huntington, whose memoirs have made her name widely known as a benefactor to her race, living at Norwich, and being within a few miles of the Mohegans, became, about the year 1827, strongly interested in the moral and physical condition of the tribe, and set herself to work to lift them from their depth of ignorance and degradation, into which they had fallen during the quarter of a century of past neglect.

This interest was shared by another female of similar spirit, Miss Sarah Breed of the same place. By the summer of 1830 two Christian ladies had established a Sabbath-school at Mohegan for the purpose of teaching the Indian children. They taught by turn, walking for that purpose from their homes in Norwich, a distance of four or five miles. The school was opened at the Samson Occum house, then occupied by his relative. In a few months after the opening of the school Miss Breed resigned her post as teacher and was succeeded by Miss Elizabeth Raymond of Montville. A daily school was about this time established at the farm house on Fort Hill farm. This school was taught by Miss Huntington and Miss Raymond by alternate weeks, both remaining at Mohegan on the Sabbath so as to assist each other in conducting the religious exercises of the day. Eighteen or twenty scholars, three or four of them adults, usually attended the day school, and the females of the tribe, beside being instructed in reading, writing, and arithmetic, were taught millinery, dressmaking, and tailoring. These worthy ladies were not contented with these personal efforts at teaching, but exerted themselves to obtain such assistance as should secure to the natives steady and public religious services. In this they were assisted by Joseph Williams, Esq., of Norwich, and by other benevolent individuals of that city. A plan was set on foot to build a chapel for the Indians, and hire a missionary who should settle permanently among them. Subscription lists were circulated and several hundred dollars were collected. Efforts were also made to interest the American Board for Foreign Missions, the government of the state of Connecticut, and the general government at Washington in their behalf. Miss Huntington drew up a petition and laid it before the Legislature of Connecticut. She also wrote a letter to Jeremiah Evarts, corresponding secretary of the American Board. The petition to the Legislature of Connecticut contained a large number of signatures, but neither the petition nor the letter met a favorable reception, and no aid or appropriation



was obtained. Failing in these directions, two applications by Mr. Williams and one by Miss Huntington were made to the Secretary of War, to whose department the superintendence of the Indian affairs then belonged. These urgent appeals were more successful, and from the "fund for promoting the civilization of the Indians," five hundred dollars were appropriated for the erection of buildings at Mohegan for school purposes, and an equal amount annually for the support of a teacher. The five hundred dollars appropriated for buildings was expended in building a house for the teacher; the expense in the erection of the chapel was defrayed by private subscriptions obtained principally in Norwich.

The land on which the chapel was built was given by two Mohegan females, Cynthia Hascott and Lucy Tee Comwas. One hundred dollars annually was contributed by the Home Missionary Society, and this sum, with the appropriation by the general government, was sufficient to hire a capable teacher. In the spring or summer of 1831 the chapel was finished, and not long after the services of Rev. Anson Gleason were obtained, and he settled among them as pastor of the church gathered there of Indians and whites. The lot on which the chapel was erected was situated on the east side of the old turnpike road from Norwich to New London, and nearly opposite the old Indian fort on Fort Hill. The lot is square, being eight rods in length on each side. The donors conveyed it by deed to the Mohegan tribe of Indians, and with the land the right of way to the aforesaid turnpike. The Indians expressed surprise that the whites should pay any attention to their wants after having so long neglected them, and were suspicious that their present conduct was prompted entirely by some selfish and pecuniary motive.

At one time a number of evil-disposed persons among them succeeded in somewhat diminishing the little congregation, gathered from Sabbath to Sabbath at the chapel, by circulating a report that the expenses of their religious meetings were defrayed out of the rents of their lands. But this

notion was soon exploded and the confidence of the Indians restored. The older members of the congregation would often talk of "the good meetings and beautiful singing" which they had enjoyed many years before, referring, probably to the time when, fifty years previous, Samson Occum and Joseph Johnson had preached here among their own people. Many of the children showed acute and eager minds. Several of the Indian youths exhibited good talents for singing, and their clear and fine voices were turned to good account. During the first two or three years of Mr. Gleason's missionary work among them much religious interest was manifest, and several conversions occurred. Down to the year 1845, sums from four hundred to five hundred dollars were annually granted to the Mohegan church out of the civilization fund, established by the general government. It was at this time concluded either that a society numbering so large a proportion of whites should do more to support itself, or that four hundred dollars was too large an appropriation for a community so small and so uninfluent as the Mohegans. It was, therefore, reduced to one hundred dollars. The effect of such action was such that Mr. Gleason, finding the means inadequate for his support, the white members contributing but a small amount in addition, was obliged to remove to another field of labor. During Mr. Gleason's labors among the Mohegans a temperance society was formed, and several, much given to dissipation, were reclaimed, and many others were induced to sign the pledge and forsake their cup, and some had even become members of the church and afterwards officers in the church and society. Sunday-school and the ordinary services on the Sabbath were regularly kept up; some of the native members of the church sustained a high Christian character and would have been ornaments to any church. Several of the Indian youth having fine musical talents, with trained voices, became highly distinguished as singers in the church choir. Miss Maria Morgan proved a very efficient teacher under the superintendence of Mr. Gleason.

son during a portion of his charge. Miss Susan Tracy was very frequently a visitor in Mr. Gleason's family, often rendering valuable services in the Sunday-school. Rev. Anson Gleason was one of a family of eleven children of Moses and Tryphena Gleason, and was born at Manchester, Conn., May 2, 1797. He spent his early youth on a farm of his grandfather, and attended the common school until his fifteenth year, when he went to learn the trade of carpenter of one Joseph Smith at Coventry, Conn. In the year 1819, while working at his trade at Hartford, he became interested in the subject of religion, and making a public profession of faith, joined the First Congregational Church in Hartford, Conn. On January 19, 1823, Mr. Gleason mounted a horse in Hartford for the journey to the state of Mississippi as a missionary to the Indians on the Choctaw reservation in northern Mississippi. He reached his destination in April of the same year. He entered very heartily into the work of instructing the Indian children there. He won the confidence of the Indians by his singing, which was very effective. He soon learned their language and was able to sing with the natives. During the second year of his labors among the Choctaws he was granted a short furlough and returned to Connecticut, where he was united in marriage to Bethia W. Tracy, daughter of Eleazar Tracy. In the summer of 1826 Mr. and Mrs. Gleason returned to the field of his former labors, reaching there in the following winter. After remaining among the Choctaws and Chickasaws about five years more, he was, by the American Board, transferred to the Mohegan Mission. He had eight children, of whom five are now living (1885), three daughters and two sons. Andrew W. Gleason is a well-known lawyer in New York, and Alfred W. Gleason is a resident of Toledo, Ohio. Rev. Anson Gleason died at Brooklyn, New York, on the 14th day of                      , 1885, and his remains brought to Norwich and buried in the Yantic cemetery.

After Mr. Gleason's removal from Mohegan the services of Rev. De Witt Clinton Sterry were obtained through the

influence of Mrs. William P. Green of Norwich. His labors there were greatly appreciated by the people, but after about a year's labor among the people, his health failing, he was obliged to abandon the field. In 1851, during a vacancy in the pastorate, General William Williams of Norwich became responsible for the maintenance of the usual Sabbath services, either by his own efforts or by whatever clergyman he could induce to assist him. For seventeen years General Williams continued his faithful labors to sustain and build up the church. By his personal efforts and generous contributions he provided for all the religious services that were held through that period. The people of Mohegan will remember the faithful devotion of General Williams to their spiritual interests, and often speak of him with much affection and venerate him as their much cherished and true friend. Mr. Thomas Kinne, at different periods, freely gave his services, both in the pulpit and in the Sunday-school in conference with General Williams.

Rev. William Palmer of Norwich, a Baptist clergyman, served the church about two years, often administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. He would sometimes make the pleasant remark that "he found the fellowship of the gospel too sweet, and loved all God's people too well, even to withhold an invitation from any of them when the Supper was set." Oliver Brown, a young Congregational minister, was also employed through General Williams, for the period of a year or more about 1854. In 1856 Rev. Hiram Haydn, then a young minister, and during his vacation in the seminary, was introduced by General Williams and supplied the pulpit. He was highly esteemed as a zealous and effective preacher. Rev. John W. Salter, after the close of his services as acting pastor of the First Congregational Church in Montville, in the summer of 1857, supplied the pulpit for six months. Rev. Robert McEwen of New London supplied for a short time, and also did Rev. Joseph Hurlburt of New London, laboring faithfully in all matters of moral reform.

Rev. M. Tilden, a Baptist, deserves mention as being one who labored there with acceptance.

Rev. Mr. Saxton was employed some two years and was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Muzzy, who lived among them and whose labors were successful in uniting and building up the church. His labors closed in July, 1873. Soon after the close of his ministry the church building was repaired and improvements made both inside and outside at a cost of about two thousand dollars. After the repairs were completed the services of Rev. H. Tarbush, a resident of Norwich, were engaged. He was a local elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and continued the supply of the pulpit very acceptably until his death, about 1891. General William Williams, by his last will, bequeathed to Henry R. Bond, Esq., of New London, the sum of five hundred dollars in trust for the benefit of the Mohegan tribe of Indians, the income to be applied for the support of the gospel at Mohegan. Another gift was made by Miss Sarah L. Huntington in 1833, of one hundred and eighty-three dollars and twenty-four cents, which she deposited in the Norwich Savings Society in trust for the Mohegan Indians. This sum had remained on interest in the bank until January 1, 1871, when the principal had risen to nine hundred and eight dollars and eighty-six cents. The income of both of these gifts are now applied to the support of the gospel at Mohegan. For more than a quarter of a century the members of the Mohegan church and congregation have held annual festivals in an enclosure made in front of their chapel, fenced with white birch saplings to a height of about ten feet, with a roof over the whole surface, covered with the same material woven ingeniously together, forming an unique and romantic structure. In this "Wigwam," as it is called, they have on sale various Indian trinkets, such as baskets, wooden spoons, bows and arrows, and various other articles of their own make. Fancy articles are also sold at such times. Bedquilts, patchwork, and embroidered linen, done with their own hands, make up the show. Various

styles of eatables are also furnished the patrons, including that famous Indian dish, "succotash" and "yokeage." The avails of this annual festival amount to about one hundred and fifty dollars, which is applied to the support of the ministry and necessary expenses of the church. This festival is annually held in the month of September, and lasts from two to three days. It is patronized by some of the best citizens of Norwich, New London, and adjacent congregations. Citizenship was conferred upon the members of the Mohegan tribe of Indians by an act of the General Assembly at its May session in 1872, which gave them a title to their lands with all the privileges possessed by the white citizen. The remnant of the once-famous tribe of Mohegan Indians, of whom Uncas was their great Sachem, have at last come to a period in their long history of nearly three hundred years, when they are no longer subjects of a sachem, or wards under an overseer, or guardianship of the state, but are the actual owners of the soil which they improve and upon which they build their houses.

Their advance in civilization and morals has been identical with that of the growth and prosperity of the town. Civilization and Christianity has gradually shorn the untutored savage of his native habits and customs, and washed his soul from the foul and dingy stains of crime and debauchery.

The Methodists have three churches and societies within the boundary line of the township, one at the village of Uncasville, one at Gardnertown, and the other at Chesterfield, the one at Uncasville being the oldest; and the first fruits of Methodism in that vicinity was Miss Betsey Rogers, afterwards the wife of Rev. David N. Bentley. She was the daughter of James Rogers, and became a believer in Jesus Christ through the earnest labors of Rev. Nathan Emory in 1805 in this vicinity. It was not, however, until about the year 1817, that regular meetings were held in the vicinity of the present village of Uncasville. At that time the house of Mr. Charles McNeil was opened for occasional meetings.

Mr. McNeil, having become converted about that time, became a faithful and devoted Christian. He died at Uncasville on the 26th day of January, 1862, at the ripe age of 92 years, having fought the fight and finished the race, received the crown of righteousness. In 1819 Rev. J. N. Moffitt preached at Mohegan and Trading Cove for a season, at which time a great religious awakening was prevalent in that vicinity and its influence extended throughout the town. John Tuttle, then residing in Mohegan, his mother and seven brothers and sisters, were brought to Christ in this revival, besides many others. During the year 1820 and 1821 Rev. Lewis Bates baptized five or six persons in the cove near Uncasville, and several more at Massapeag. Lucy Smith and Thomas Rogers were among the members that united with the church during the two years. Mr. Bates probably formed the first class at Massapeag. In 1823 and 1824 there was a general work of grace along the west bank of the river Thames, extending from Uncasville to Trading Cove, and many united with the infant church. In 1825 the first class was formed at Uncasville. Elias Marble and Reuben Ransom were the preachers in the circuit during the last three years, and held stated meetings at Uncasville. In the year 1826 C. D. Rogers and Elias Marble were the appointed preachers. In 1827 Amasa Taylor and N. C. Spaulding were the preachers, alternating between Uncasville, Gales Ferry, and Gardnertown. Some time in the year 1829 Mr. Amos Comstock invited Mr. Ransom to preach in his shop. This shop had been used for spinning and weaving by hand power. It was located on the west side of the turnpike road near the toll-gate, and afterwards became the property of Mr. Robert Comstock. It is now used as a dwelling. For several years after meetings were regularly held in this shop, which had been fitted up for the convenience of worship.

It was about this time that the first Sunday-school was organized, and Asahel Otis was appointed its leader. Among the persons who joined the class that year was Peter S. Smith,



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who afterwards became a class-leader, an earnest, faithful, and devoted Christian; Harriet Comstock, Elisha Baker, and Bathsheba Baker, his wife, and Clarissa McNeil. In 1833 Nathaniel Bradford, an earnest Christian and thorough Methodist, died suddenly; his funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Ralph Hurlburt of Groton, who, a year or two before, had preached that of Mr. Bradford's wife. It is said of Mr. Bradford that "he kept a free hotel for Methodist preachers." The first watch-meeting ever held at Uncasville was in 1834. Previous to the meeting of the conference in 1835, arrangements were made to build a meeting-house at Uncasville, and some time in the month of October of that year the house was dedicated. Rev. S. B. Hascall of New London preached the dedication sermon. The building cost about one thousand dollars. Three hundred dollars of this amount remained a debt upon the church for eighteen years. In the year 1837 Rev. Walter Wilkie became the local preacher and resided at Uncasville; during the years 1838 and 1839 many were added to the church as the fruits of a general revival. In 1840 an ecclesiastical society was formed for the purpose of managing the financial affairs of the church. This society existed only about four years. During the year 1843 there was another revival, and about thirty persons were added to the church. After this revival and during the pastorate of several ministers, nothing of special interest occurred until about 1858, when the church edifice was repainted, carpeted, and furnished with new lamps and a new stove at an expense of one hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifty cents. During the year 1858 and 1859 there was another revival, Rev. Albert M. Allen being the stated preacher. In 1860 Rev. W. E. Sheldon was the stationed preacher here and continued only one year. He was followed by Rev. Theophilus B. Gurney, who stayed two years and was followed by Rev. L. W. Blood in 1863. During Mr. Blood's labors sixteen persons united with the church, and he was the first preacher whose term was extended to three years. In 1866 Rev. H. W. Conant was the

local preacher. The great event under his administration was the purchasing and paying for a new parsonage by the church, at a cost of thirty-three hundred dollars.

During the three years from 1868 to 1871 Rev. Elisha B. Bradford was the stated preacher, and there was an increase in the membership of sixteen. Within this term the debt of three hundred dollars was paid and the church was freed from debt. Rev. Robert Clark was the preacher in charge from 1871 to 1874, and during his administration the present now church edifice was erected and furnished at a cost of twelve thousand seven hundred and twelve dollars and eighty-five cents (\$12,712.85). The funds were raised by voluntary subscriptions, and the house dedicated free from debt Feb. 7, 1872. The old church was converted into horse-sheds for the accommodation of the church attendants. During the winter of 1872-3 there was a precious revival, and several new members were added to the list. From the year 1875 to the year 1878 Rev. Frederick A. Crafts was the stationed preacher. During his administration very few new members were added, and those in the last months of his labors, through the effectual labors of Mrs. Clark, the female evangelist. At the close of Mr. Crafts' ministry here the church was very much divided on account of a disagreement of the stewards as to the salary Mr. Crafts was to receive. Rev. Warren A. Luce was stationed here in 1878, and continued his labors three years with but slight advance. On the 5th day of February, 1879, the church lost one of its most active and influential members, in the death of Daniel L. Browning, Esq. He, with his wife, were long members of this church. He was trustee, steward, and Sunday-school teacher, and by his cheerfulness of spirit and kindness of heart he endeared himself to all his brethren. He was not a strict sectarian, but contributed largely of his means to other denominations than his own. By his last will he left a legacy of four thousand dollars "to the trustees of the M. E. Church at Uncasville in trust, to be put at interest and remain as a fund, the

interest to be paid annually and used for the support of the preacher of the gospel at Uncasville in all coming time." This legacy to the church will be a great help to them while the donor is resting in his grave awaiting the resurrection and final reward. The following is a list of the preachers stationed at Uncasville by the General Conference from the organization of the M. E. Church then, in 1835, to the present time:

Ezra Withey, from 1835 to 1836; Freeman Nutting and Walter Wilkie, from 1837 to 1838; Lozine Pierce and Henry Tarbush, from 1838 to 1839; Henry Tarbush and John Whittlesee, from 1839 to 1840; Erastus Benton, from 1840 to 1842; Edmund A. Sheldon, from 1842 to 1843; Marvin Leffingwell, from 1843 to 1844; Lawton Cady, from 1844 to 1845; Lyman Leffingwell, from 1845 to 1846; George H. Winchester, from 1846 to 1848; Lathrop P. Weaver, from 1848 to 1850; John Cooper, from 1850 to 1851; Abel Gardner, from 1851 to 1853; George W. Rogers, from 1853 to 1854; Henry Mayo, from 1854 to 1856; Caleb B. Sanford, from 1856 to 1858; Albert A. Allen, from 1858 to 1860; William E. Shelden, from 1860 to 1861; Theophilus B. Gurney, from 1861 to 1863; L. W. Blood, from 1863 to 1866; Henry W. Conent, from 1866 to 1867; Albert F. Park, from 1867 to 1868; Elisha B. Bradford, from 1868 to 1871; Robert Clark, from 1871 to 1874; Josiah T. Benton, from 1874 to 1875; Frederick B. Crafts, from 1875 to 1878; Warren A. Luce, from 1878 to 1881; Charles S. Morse, from 1881 to 1884; Chas. A. Stenhouse, from 1884 to 1887; John C. Gowan, from 1887 to 1889; Robert D. Dyson, from 1889 to 1892; J. Tragaskis, from 1892 to 1894; Edward J. Ayer, from 1894 to 1896; W. F. Davis is the present Pastor, 1896.

## CHAPTER VII.

### STATISTICAL RECORD.

The beginning of the settlement of a township is an important and interesting epoch in the history of a country, and its gradual progress is marked by events, a record of which is well worthy of being preserved in an available form for all those who would pause for a moment in this life's busy and bustling journey, and reflect upon those who have gone before them and occupied the places and assumed the responsibilities that are now incumbent on themselves in the highly favored places of this earthly abode. What these characters were, the influence they acquired and exercised over the minds of their contemporaries, the amount of knowledge and moral culture they possessed, and the degree of intelligence that guided and characterized them in all their pursuits and relations in life, what their motives were by which they were actuated in forming a new settlement, or in organizing new civil compacts, and the objects in the near and distant future, that determined their courses and inspired their hopes, the many trials they experienced, the dangers they cheerfully braved, the obstacles that presented themselves in various forms, the opposition they had to encounter, the hardships and privations they nobly endured, the energy, perseverance, and courage with which they at length overcame all untoward circumstances, and the full measure of success that ultimately crowned their universal efforts. The voluntary associating together of a body of men of the highest respectability, and of the first families from different parts of the land, in the planting of a township, is a guaranty that something of great public benefit, something enduring and far reaching, some-

thing of high national importance and permanent utility is contemplated.

There is something extremely narrow minded, unnatural, and ungrateful in us of the present generation, who feel no interest in the shining lives and noble acts of our ancestors, through whose agency, amid danger and vicissitudes, all of our present high and invaluable rights and privileges as citizens of a free republic were composed and established on the broad base of freedom. Our ancestors were instrumental in laying broad, and deep, and firm foundations of our cherished institutions, and the whole enviable fabric, religious, social, political, and educational, which we, their descendants, to-day possess and enjoy and under the benign influence of which institutions many others scattered through other towns and states, who are descendants of our ancestors, also enjoy and highly esteem.

Shall the names, deeds, and memories of our forefathers, the noble and illustrious founders of this township, whose descendants we are, be forgotten, and suffered to be lost among the rubbish of the past. They were truly deserving of much at the hands of their descendants, for their lives were of as much importance as the lives of kings and presidents, their history is absorbed and marked with events of as much consequence, although it may not appear as significant, and the history of the township with which their history is identified is as interesting as the history of kingdoms and states.

In such a history as is contemplated in the succeeding pages, it is fitly a matter to consider how largely are we indebted to our worthy progenitors for the inheritance which has been passed down from generation to generation until to-day we hold it in full and free possession.

This inheritance, rendered so attractive by the marks of cultivation, our schoolhouses, meeting-houses, public libraries, and academies, all of these inestimable privileges, rich blessings, that so highly exalt us as a people and community, are the results of the wisdom, courage, perseverance, and vir-

tue of our fathers, who, in the dawn of learning and civilization in this new country, were the chosen agents for the establishment and dissemination of those elements.

The town of Montville was incorporated into and constituted a distinct and separate town by an Act of the General Assembly, held at New Haven October 12, 1786. The first town meeting was held in the meeting-house in the North Parish of New London on Monday, the 13th day of November of the same year.

Joshua Raymond, Esq., was chosen moderator of the meeting, and John Raymond, clerk. At which meeting Nathaniel Comstock, Asa Worthington, Stephen Billings, Joseph Davis, and Peter Comstock were chosen selectmen, and John G. Hillhouse, treasurer.

Probably on account of some informality in the first meeting, a subsequent meeting was warned and held on the 19th day of December following. At which meeting Asa Worthington was chosen moderator, and John Raymond, Jr., clerk. James Haughton, Jason Allen, Jabez Rogers, Mathew Turner, and Joseph Bradford were chosen selectmen, and John G. Hillhouse, treasurer.

A tax of two pence on a pound was laid on the grand list of the town for 1786, to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year. The collector was required to procure bonds to the acceptance of the selectmen. The selectmen were not to receive any compensation either for their time or expense. It appears to have been the custom for many years after the organization of the town for the town officers not to receive any pay for their services while in office and doing business for the town. Our forefathers seem to have been trained to consider their services as belonging to their country, not only in its defence, but in its growth and progress. The honor of the office was not the chief end to be obtained; they appear to have vied with others, not for fame, but for the accomplishment of the greatest good in the community in which they lived in advancing the public interest.

A very great change since those times has come over the people in the matter of compensation for ministerial and judicial services. Both the honor attached to the office and the emoluments connected with the same are the chief objects to be obtained and contended for. At the present time no official act in the administration of the affairs of this town is gratuitous; every office within the gift of the citizens is compensated, no matter how large or how small its responsibility.

The following list of persons were residents in the town of Montville at the time of its incorporation, Oct. 12, 1786, and were admitted to the privileges of freemen in the town at its meeting held Nov. 13th of the same year.

Joshua Raymond,	Thomas Rogers, Jr.,	Gideon Baker,
John Raymond,	Perez Comstock,	George B. Dolbeare,
Nathan Smith,	John Maples,	Ezekiel Fox,
James Baker,	Jonathan Latimer,	Henry Latimer,
John Crocker,	David H. Jewett,	Ebenezer Rogers,
Joseph Smith,	Christopher Raymond,	Jabez Rogers,
Jonathan Maynard,	Nathaniel Comstock,	Erastus Worthington,
Alpheus Chapman,	Joseph Chester,	Timothy Forsyth,
Joseph Bradford,	Benjamin Atwell, 2d,	George Denison,
Nathaniel Otis,	Thomas Rogers,	Joseph Bishop,
Witherall Latimer,	Nathaniel Vibber,	Asa Worthington,
Asa Manwaring,	Joseph B. Austin,	Daniel Worthington,
John Gardner,	Clement Bishop,	Elias Worthington,
Alexander Whaley,	Joshua Fargo,	David Gardner,
John Potter,	Jabez Holmes,	Moses Deshon,
John Dolbeare,	Joseph Chester, Jr.,	Joshua West,
Atwell Chapel,	Christop'r Raymond, Jr.,	George Latimer,
Elisha Fox,	Jonathan Hill,	Jonathan Latimer, Jr.,
Nathan Allyn,	Jared Comstock,	John Forsyth,
Samuel Dolbeare,	David Whaley,	Peter Comstock,
Oliver Comstock,	Jeremiah Wickwire,	Ezekiel Chapel,
John G. Hillhouse,	Ebenezer Smith,	Elisha Avery,
Charles Bill,	Samuel Bradford,	Joseph Fish,
Jonathan Whaley,	Joseph Fitch,	John Way,
Jonathan Austin,	Perez Bradford,	John Colt,
Joshua Raymond, Jr.,	Thomas Avery,	Lemuel Minard,
Jason Allen,	Griswold Latimer,	Richard Chapel.
Samuel Fox,	Hon. Wm. Hillhouse,	



The following is a copy of the "Abstract" of the list of polls and estate as assessed in the town of Montville on the 20th day of August, 1788.

	£	s.	d.
209 polls from 21 to 70 years of age at 18 lbs., . . .	3,762	0	0
56 polls from 16 to 21 years of age at 9 lbs., . . .	504	9	0
815 oxen and bulls from 4 years old and upwards, . . .	945	0	0
694 cows, steers, heifers and bulls, 8 years, . . .	1,388	0	0
240 horse kind, 8 years old and upwards, . . .	720	0	0
87 horse kind, 2 years old and upwards, . . .	74	0	0
25 horse kind, 1 year old and upwards, . . .	25	0	0
1,878½ acres of plow land, . . .	689	5	0
8,647½ acres upland, mowing and clean pasture, . . .	1,459	0	0
859 acres boggy meadow, mown, . . .	89	15	0
52 acres boggy meadow, not mown, . . .	5	4	0
290 acres other meadow, . . .	108	15	0
5,983 acres bush pasture, . . .	598	7	0
575 acres uninclosed land, 1st rate, . . .	57	10	0
8,485 acres uninclosed land, 2d rate, . . .	171	15	0
4,195 acres uninclosed land, 3d rate, . . .	104	17	6
22½ tons of vessels, . . .	16	17	0
29 silver watches, at 1 lb., 10 s., . . .	48	10	0
1 brass wheel clock at 8 lbs., 0 s., . . .	8	0	0
5 wood wheel clock at 1 lb., 0 s., . . .	5	0	0
156 oz. silver plate at 6 s., 8 d. per oz., at 6%, . . .	8	2	4
3 fire places, 1st rate at 15/, . . .	2	5	0
11 fire places, 2d rate at 11/3, . . .	6	8	9
166 fire places, 3d rate at 7/6, . . .	62	5	0
240 fire places, 4th rate at 3/9, . . .	45	0	0
Assessment on trades and business, . . .	148	0	0
	11,855	12	1
8578 sheep deducted at 11/2 per head, . . .	714	12	0
	10,641	0	1

John Raymond was assessed on 18 oz. of silver.

Joshua Raymond was assessed on 60 oz. of silver.

Christopher Raymond was assessed on 40 oz. of silver.

William Hillhouse was assessed on 88 oz. of silver.

Peleg Church owned the greatest number of cattle, being 85 head and six horses.

Jonathan Gilbert owned the second greatest number of cattle.

Samuel S. Fitch was assessed on the greatest number of fire places.

Ezekiel Fox was the only person assessed on fire places at the first rate, he having three.

Nathan Otis owned the only brass wheel clock.

Joseph Chester was assessed for 535 acres of land.

John Dolbeare,	"	473	"
Elijah Ransom,	"	450	"
George Dolbeare,	"	400	"
Mathew Turner,	"	360	"
John G. Hillhouse,	"	350	"

Jonathan Gilbert owned the greatest number of sheep, being 800.

Peleg Church owned 150 sheep and Joseph Chester owned 100 sheep.

John G. Hillhouse was assessed on the greatest amount of property, being £128.

Joshua Raymond was assessed for £116

Joseph Fitch	"	118
Joseph Chester	"	118
John Dolbeare	"	109

In 1790 the amount of property assessed was,	.	.	\$40,453.00
" 1800	"	"	45,911.81
" 1810*	"	"	48,153.00
" 1820†	"	"	28,596.00
" 1830	"	"	515,559.75
" 1840	"	"	564,961.00
" 1850	"	"	777,326.00
" 1860	"	"	1,057,628.00
" 1870	"	"	1,226,760.00
" 1880	"	"	1,068,645.00
" 1890	"	"	1,057,880.00

Between the years 1820 and 1830 the manufacturing interest in the town began to be developed and increased the grand list nearly \$500,000. A few persons began to invest in bank stock, and money at interest had increased a considerable in 1830; after that date up to 1850 the increase was very great.

The first bank stock assessed to any individual in the town was to Samuel Hillhouse, the following being the amounts of bank stock, amount invested in manufacturing and money at interest from 1830 to the present time, as showing the increase and decrease, taken from the grand list of the town every tenth year:

\* Waterford was incorporated a town in 1801, taking a portion of the southeast part of Montville.

† Salem was incorporated a town in 1819, a portion being taken from the west part of Montville.

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	Bank Stock.	Manufacturing.	Money at Interest.
In 1830	\$600	\$42,700	\$6,700
" 1840	7,875	60,500	30,205
" 1850	25,867	70,467	77,461
" 1860	64,738	195,525	66,330
" 1870	151,197	256,550	64,263
" 1880	103,566	297,800	18,495
" 1884	38,435	294,100	18,789
" 1895	87,980	268,425	5,847

A summary of the town treasurer's account from the year 1800 to 1890, inclusive:

Date.	Amount Received.	Amount Paid Out.	Date.	Amount Received.	Amount Paid Out.
1800	\$605.10	\$617.75	1876	\$20,853.69	\$15,531.75
1810	837.93	837.93	" Town bonds*	30,496.00	Paid orders 30,496.00
1820	1,515.82	1,429.88	1877	15,708.52	18,301.25
1830	1,192.96	1,232.25	1878	21,101.61	19,650.33
1840	1,620.50	1,696.90	1879	19,587.11	18,605.76
1850	1,727.08	1,697.78	1880	19,995.75	23,153.69
1860	3,773.43	3,801.03	1881	18,033.03	20,237.80
1861	3,020.80	3,014.04	1882	25,000.98	24,039.04
1862	4,937.92	4,939.50	1883	22,403.32	20,255.62
1863	10,173.19	9,817.26	1884	42,355.91	40,914.99
1864	10,827.69	10,670.65	1885	17,717.51	18,435.55
1865	14,680.40	17,628.87	1886	21,654.11	20,576.07
1866	14,765.37	15,606.50	1887	24,811.04	25,230.49
1867	12,822.46	12,818.65	1888	20,231.30	24,584.35
1868	12,251.23	12,782.76	1889	23,924.10	24,006.09
1869	17,735.45	17,489.55	1890	26,307.91	26,443.53
1870	17,007.57	17,007.78	1891	21,469.21	21,749.29
1871	18,105.34	18,027.10	1892	22,936.99	22,100.65
1872	19,177.97	19,181.66	1893	22,867.75	22,521.09
1873	20,867.22	20,546.87	1894	22,521.09	19,603.09
1874	30,660.37	30,449.29	1895	25,959.61	25,337.73
1875	19,051.23	16,880.46			

\* Dated Jan. 1, 1876, to run thirty years. Amount, \$30,000, held by the New London Savings Bank, on interest at 6 per cent., payable semi-annually.

Amount of the indebtedness of the town computed annually to September the first, since the year 1870:

Date.	Amount of Indebtedness.	Tax Rate.	Amt. Taxes on Rate Bill.	Date.	Amount of Indebtedness.	Tax Rate.	Amt. Taxes on Rate Bill.
1871	\$13,289.76	13	\$16,855.47	1884	\$52,777.97	14	\$14,986.50
1872	14,711.89	10	12,591.94	1885	53,949.87	16	16,554.11
1873	18,782.76	12	11,804.42	1886	52,803.91	16	16,290.88
1874	24,142.16	10	14,929.59	1887	52,113.59	16	15,849.60
1875	29,240.18	13	15,144.59	1888	57,846.08	16	17,621.11
1876	33,410.46	12	13,572.80	1889	55,154.72	16	17,368.28
1877	37,614.39	12	12,973.35	1890	52,378.42	16	16,926.09
1878	40,187.92	12	13,469.89	1891	49,815.53	16	17,114.78
1879	45,142.79	12	13,321.40	1892	46,183.07	16	16,313.78
1880	45,445.36	12	13,650.50	1893	44,331.54	16	16,484.81
1881	46,733.23	15	16,582.34	1894	41,006.75	16	16,322.14
1882	46,707.48	10	11,512.24	1895	40,275.68	16	15,275.31
1883	51,897.31	14	15,506.98				

The following list of persons have been elected to represent the town in the Legislature of this state from 1787 to 1896:

1787 to 1790, John G. Hillhouse.	1827 to 1828, Sherwood Raymond.
1790 to 1791, Joshua Raymond.	1828 to 1829, William Raymond.
1791 to 1792, Joseph Chester.	1829 to 1830, Sherwood Raymond.
1792 to 1793, John G. Hillhouse.	1830 to 1831, Ephraim Fellows.
1793 to 1794, Joseph Chester.	1831 to 1833, Sherwood Raymond.
1794 to 1795, Erastus Worthington.	1833 to 1834, Azel F. Rogers.
1795 to 1796, Mathew Turner.	1834 to 1835, Mulford C. Raymond.
1796 to 1797, John G. Hillhouse.	1835 to 1836, Sherwood Raymond.
1797 to 1800, Joshua Raymond.	1836 to 1837, Azel F. Rogers.
1800 to 1801, Adonijah F. Bradford.	1837 to 1838, Joseph L. Chapman.
1801 to 1802, John G. Hillhouse.	1838 to 1839, Nathaniel Parish.
1802 to 1803, Nathaniel Comstock.	1839 to 1840, Robert Comstock.
1803 to 1804, Daniel Worthington.	1840 to 1841, William Thacker.
1804 to 1807, John G. Hillhouse.	1841 to 1842, Edmund Smith.
1807 to 1813, William W. Haughton.	1842 to 1843, Thomas P. Rogers.
1813 to 1815, David Turner.	1843 to 1844, Albert G. Darrow.
1815 to 1817, William W. Haughton.	1844 to 1845, Henry C. Beardslee.
1817 to 1818, David Turner.	1845 to 1846, John B. Rogers.
1818 to 1819, Oliver Comstock.	1846 to 1847, Robert Comstock.
1819 to 1820, Mumford Dolbeare.	1847 to 1848, Nicholas Latimer.
1820 to 1821, Stephen G. Thacker.	1848 to 1849, Peter Wickwire.
1821 to 1822, Nathaniel Bradford.	1849 to 1850, Ethan G. Crandall.
1822 to 1823, Asahel Otis.	1850 to 1851, George G. Latimer.
1823 to 1826, Sherwood Raymond.	1851 to 1852, Daniel L. Browning.
1826 to 1827, Thomas Fitch.	1852 to 1853, Nathaniel B. Bradford.

1853 to 1854, Thomas P. Rogers.	1873 to 1878, Elisha M. Rogers.
1854 to 1855, Elisha H. Palmer.	1878 to 1879, Anson G. Baker.
1855 to 1856, Hiram P. Baker.	1879 to 1880, John L. Comstock.
1856 to 1857, Ethan G. Crandall.	1880 to 1881, Alex. O. Robertson.
1857 to 1858, Thomas B. Williams.	1881 to 1882, John M. Crumb.
1858 to 1859, Albert G. Darrow.	1882 to 1883, James H. Manwaring.
1859 to 1860, Norman B. Church.	1883 to 1884, Eben R. Eaton.
1860 to 1861, Calvin Allyn.	1884 to 1885, Henry W. Strickland.
1861 to 1862, Ralph P. Caulkins.	1885 to 1886, John A. Coggs.
1862 to 1863, Water'n R. Burnham.	1886 to 1887, Carmichael Robertson.
1863 to 1864, Thomas W. Champlin.	1887 to 1888, Raymond N. Parish.
1864 to 1865, Elisha H. Palmer.	1888 to 1889, J. Randolph Rogers.
1865 to 1866, Willet R. Wood.	1889 to 1890, Charles W. Comstock.
1866 to 1867, Raymond R. Parish.	1890 to 1891, Edwin C. Johnson.
1867 to 1868, Aaron F. Rogers.	1891 to 1892, J. Randolph Rogers.
1868 to 1869, William Fitch.	1892 to 1893, Alex. C. Robertson.
1869 to 1870, Willet R. Wood.	1893 to 1894, Charles A. Chapman.
1870 to 1871, James Allyn.	1894 to 1895, John F. Freeland.
1871 to 1872, Augustus A. Parker.	1895 to 1896, George N. Wood.

The following persons, residents of this town, who have been elected senator for the Ninth Senatorial (now the Eleventh) District, since the year 1838:

1838, Sherwood Raymond.	1866, Elisha H. Palmer.
1846, Sherwood Raymond.	1874, Richard G. Hooper.
1856, William Thacker.	1888, Raymond N. Parish.

Town clerks elected to the office since the incorporation of the town in 1786:

1786 to 1802,	John Raymond,	16 years.
1802 to 1803,	David H. Jewett,	1 "
1803 to 1808,	Adonijah F. Bradford,	5 "
1808 to 1817,	Azel Rogers,	9 "
1817 to 1823,	Giles Turner,	6 "
1823 to 1826,	Joshua Baker, Jr.,	3 "
1826 to 1827,	Joseph L. Chapman,	1 "
1827 to 1834,	Mulford C. Raymond,	7 "
1834 to 1835,	Azel F. Rogers,	1 "
1835 to 1848,	Mulford C. Raymond,	13 "
1848 to 1854,	Joseph Brumley,	6 "
1854 to 1855,	John A. Coggs,	1 "
1855 to 1857,	Elisha H. Palmer,	2 "
1857 to 1862,	Raymond N. Parish,	5 "
1862 to 1864,	Elisha H. Palmer,	2 "
1864 to 1889,	Henry A. Baker,	25 "

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1888 to 1893,	Earl Mathewson,	4 years.
1893 to 1894,	William B. Tooker,	1 "
1894 to 1896,	Everett W. Coggeshall,	2 "

## TOWN TREASURERS.

1786 to 1790,	David H. Jewett,	4 years.
1790 to 1791,	Joshua Raymond,	1 "
1791 to 1793,	Isaac Turner,	1 "
1793 to 1793,	Joshua Raymond,	1 "
1793 to 1794,	Adonijah F. Bradford,	1 "
1794 to 1796,	Thomas Hillhouse,	2 "
1796 to 1797,	John Raymond,	1 "
1797 to 1799,	Joshua Raymond,	2 "
1799 to 1800,	John G. Hillhouse,	1 "
1800 to 1810,	Atwell Chapel,	10 "
1810 to 1815,	William W. Haughton,	5 "
1815 to 1817,	Azel Rogers,	2 "
1817 to 1820,	Giles Turner,	3 "
1820 to 1821,	Azel Rogers,	1 "
1821 to 1823,	Nathaniel Bradford,	2 "
1823 to 1825,	Azel Rogers,	2 "
1825 to 1848,	Nathaniel Parish,	23 "
1848 to 1854,	John Fellows,	6 "
1854 to 1855,	Daniel L. Browning,	1 "
1855 to 1856,	Nathaniel B. Bradford,	1 "
1856 to 1862,	John Fellows,	6 "
1862 to 1869,	John B. Rogers,	7 "
1869 to 1873,	Raymond N. Parish,	4 "
1873 to 1876,	Henry Baker,	3 "
1876 to 1877,	Carmichael Robertson,	1 "
1877 to 1879,	Lewis Browning,	2 "
1879 to 1880,	Frank A. Rogers,	1 "
1880 to 1881,	Silas M. Browning,	1 "
1881 to 1884,	Lewis Browning,	3 "
1884 to 1885,	Nathan S. Comstock,	1 "
1885 to 1887,	Lewis Browning,	2 "
1887 to 1891,	Alexander C. Robertson,	4 "
1891 to 1893,	Tryon E. Robertson,	2 "
1893 to 1896,	Frank H. Rogers,	3 "

The town of Montville was constituted a Probate District by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut at its May Session in 1851. The following persons have been elected to the office of judge of probate in this district since it was constituted:

1851 to 1854,	Benjamin F. Bradford,	8 years.
1854 to 1855,	Albert G. Darrow,	1 "
1855 to 1859,	Joseph Brumley,	4 "
1859 to 1861,	Henry A. Baker,	2 "
1861 to 1864,	Mulford O. Raymond,	3 "
1864 to 1867,	William Fitch,	3 "
1867 to 1889,	Henry A. Baker,	22 "
1889 to 1896,	Charles W. Comstock,	7 "

The town of Montville was, previous to its incorporation as a separate town in 1786, a part of New London. The first census was taken in the year 1800, and the following figures show the population of the town on each census since:

1800,	. . . . .	2,233	1850,	. . . . .	1,848
1810,	. . . . .	2,187*	1860,	. . . . .	2,148
1820,	. . . . .	1,961†	1870,	. . . . .	2,496
1830,	. . . . .	1,972	1880,	. . . . .	2,066
1840,	. . . . .	1,900	1890,	. . . . .	2,344

\* Waterford was incorporated a separate town in 1801, taking off a portion of Montville.

† Salem was incorporated a separate town in 1819, taking off a large tract of territory lying on the westerly side of Montville.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### RAYMOND LIBRARY.

This institution was founded by Albert C. Raymond, a native of Montville, but a resident of East Hartford in the last years of his life. Mr. Raymond was born at Montville 29 Sept., 1819. Son of Daniel Fitch Raymond and Charlotte Comstock. He died at East Hartford 26 June, 1880.

In his last will is the following item: "Upon the decease of my said wife I give, devise and bequeath the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to Henry A. Baker, David Hillhouse, Raymond N. Parish, Augustus Parker and James Manwaring all of Montville in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, and the survivor or survivors of them in trust for the purpose, following: that is to say, immediately upon the decease of my wife, they shall take the necessary measures to cause a corporation by the name of the Raymond Library Company of Montville to be formed at said Montville, either under the Joint Stock law of this State or by special charter for the purpose of receiving from said trustees the said trust as vested in them as aforesaid and of forever supporting a public library in said Montville, and immediately upon the organization of said corporation said trustees shall pay and deliver to said Corporation said trust fund to be held by said Corporation forever for the aforesaid purpose, and the said Library shall be forever conducted and managed by said corporation pursuant to the following provisions of this will." Then follows the special conditions by which the library shall forever be conducted, the location of a site for the library building, and the amount to be expended thereon, the character of the literature it shall contain, and the amount annually expended for the same.

At the January session of the General Assembly in 1880



a charter was granted to Henry A. Baker, David Hillhouse, Raymond N. Parish, Augustus A. Parker, James H. Manwaring, James Allyn, and Calvin Allyn, incorporating them a body politic under the name and style of The Raymond Library Company of Montville, and such others as shall be duly elected from time to time members of said company.

The first meeting of the Raymond Library Company was held at the residence of Hon. R. N. Parish on the 12th day of April, 1880, at which time the company was organized and the following officers chosen: Raymond N. Parish, president; Henry A. Baker, secretary; Calvin Allen, treasurer; and David Hillhouse, librarian.

After the death of Mrs. Raymond, 16 Sept., 1883, the sum donated for the founding of the Raymond Library was received from the executors of the estate of Albert C. Raymond by the Raymond Library Company, who immediately caused a library building to be erected at a cost of two thousand dollars. The building was a beautiful brick structure, built under a contract by Mr. Robert Turner of Norwich, and completed in the winter of 1884-5.

At the annual meeting of the Raymond Library Company, held October 14, 1885, the library building was formally opened to the public; a bountiful collation was prepared by the ladies of the town, which was partaken of and heartily appreciated by all the persons who gathered at the chapel of the Congregational church at Montville Center on the occasion.

After the repast a historical address, prepared for the occasion, was read by the secretary, speeches by James W. Fitch, Mr. Bishop of Norwich, Hon. Elisha H. Palmer, Rev. C. A. Stenhouse of Uncasville, Mr. James Allyn, Rev. Charles Cutting, Mr. Augustus A. Parker, Mr. William Fitch, Mr. Calvin Allyn, and Mr. John Brown, were all interesting, and, with many happy wishes for the future prosperity and usefulness of the library, the assembly dispersed, feeling that a great and good work had been begun in the town, which was to be for the benefit of future generations.



RAYMOND LIBRARY.



The first public act passed by the General Assembly of this state to encourage and legalize the formation and establishment of library companies was at its October session in the year 1818. During the year following the passage of the act entitled "An Act Concerning Library Companies," a portion of the inhabitants of this town availed themselves of the privilege granted by the General Assembly and formed themselves into an association called "The Montville Library Association." They lodged with the secretary of this state a copy of the articles of association on the 21st day of January, 1819, this being the first public library organized in the state of Connecticut under the Act of 1818.

How long this association existed is not certainly known, or how flourishing it was while it did exist. It was certainly of only a few years' duration, as another library company was soon after formed here, called the "Union Library Company." This was organized January 31, 1823, and had an existence of only a few years. The books belonging to the company were purchased from a subscription fund by members of the company, each member subscribing and paying in a certain sum of money to be expended in books. It is probable that this private library did not contain more than from one hundred to two hundred volumes. Some dissatisfaction among its members finally caused the company to dissolve. The books were distributed among its members, each member taking from the library such books as he could get hold of as an offset for his subscription.

The library was kept in the old building formerly occupied as a dwelling and store, and which stood on the site of the present Congregational church chapel at Montville Center. This chapel was erected in the year 1884.

Among the churches located in this town is the St. Johns Church at Uncasville, Rev. James P. Ryle its present pastor.

For some years previous to the institution of the parish in Montville St. Johns Church was attended from New London. The first resident pastor was Rev. James P. Connolly,

who came March 1, 1887. He died in October, 1890, and was immediately succeeded by Rev. Charles E. McGowan. The present pastor assumed the protectorate of the church Dec. 10, 1894.

The Catholic church edifice was first erected in the year 1866, and from time to time enlarged. Though the sanctuary is not large, yet it is sufficient for the accommodation of the worshipers gathering there. The parochial house, which stands only a few feet from the sanctuary, is a neat commodious structure of two stories, built in 1888.

Rev. Mr. Ryle was born in County Kerry, Ireland, Jan. 1, 1855, and came to Connecticut in childhood. He studied at St. Charles' College, and at Villanova, and, after a theological course in the Grand Seminary at Montreal, was ordained in December, 1882. For three months after ordination he had temporary charge of the parish of New Milford. He then went to St. Mary's, New Haven, where he remained three months. Thence he was transferred to St. Patrick's in the same city, where he was first assistant for almost twelve years. While there he organized the Young Men's Total Abstinence Society and the Ladies' Aid Society, his entertainments and kindnesses in aid of the poor being very successful.

In the short time he has been pastor at Montville he has renovated and furnished the rectory thoroughly, refurnished the church, built a barn and sheds, and paid off on the mortgage, besides canceling on the floating debt one thousand dollars. The people of Montville, including the non-Catholics, co-operate with the pastor by their contributions and attendance upon the public entertainments of the church in removing the debt, which has for several years been a drawback to their complete success and growth.



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## CHAPTER IX.

### ENLISTMENTS IN THE CIVIL WAR.

List of the men who enlisted in the service of the United States in the late Civil War residing in the town of Montville.

Patrick Cary, Rifle Co. B, 2d Reg. Discharged.

Frederick Stanton, Rifle Co. B, 2d Reg. Discharged.

Edward H. Latimer, Cavalry Co. C, 1st Reg.; pro. 2d Lieut.  
Died Feb. 14, 1866.

Henry B. Tinker, Co. C, 1st Cavalry. Discharged.

Daniel Whipple, Co. G, 1st Cavalry. Discharged.

Amos Comstock, Cavalry, Co. K, 1st Reg. Captured June  
29, 1864.

Ezra M. Holloway, Cavalry, Co. L, 1st Reg. Deserted.

Henry Evans, Co. A, 1st Reg., Artillery, sub. Deserted.

John King, Co. A, 1st Reg., Artillery. Deserted.

Enoch Mosher, Co. D, 1st Reg., Artillery. Discharged.

Chester A. Chapman, Co. D, 1st Reg., Artillery. Discharged.

William Mathews, Sergt., Co. E, 1st Reg., Artillery. Dis-  
charged.

John Casley, Co. E, 1st Reg., Artillery, sub. Deserted.

Charles Griffin, Co. E, 2d Reg., Artillery, sub. Discharged.

John E. Sisson, Co. B, Infantry, 6th Reg. Discharged.

Peter Duberle, Co. D, Infantry, 6th Reg. Deserted.

Henry H. Church, Co. H, Infantry, 7th Reg. Discharged.

Henry Fuller, Co. H, Infantry, 7th Reg. Transferred to  
U. S. Navy.

Henry H. Kimball, Co. H, Infantry, 7th Reg. Died Sept.  
7, 1864.

William H. Thorpe, Co. H, Infantry, 7th Reg. R. E. as  
veteran Dec. 22, 1863.

Thomas Cleury, Co. C, Infantry, 8th Reg. Substituted.

Asahel W. Burrows, Co. D, Infantry, 8th Reg. Discharged.



Francis A. Jerome, Co. D, Infantry, 8th Reg. Killed at Fort Haven, Va.

Jedediah R. Gay, Corporal, Co. II, Infantry, 10th Reg. Wounded and discharged.

Henry L. Brainard, Co. II, 10th Reg. Died at Newbern, N. C., Nov. 2, 1862.

John F. Day, Co. H, 10th Reg. Killed at Kingston, N. C., Dec. 14, 1862.

Frederick C. Palmer, Co. D, 13th Reg. R. E. Mustered out.

James E. Reynolds, Co. D, 13th Reg. Discharged, disability.

William B. Tooker, Co. D, 13th Reg.; pro. 1st Lieut. Mustered out.

Calvin B. Beebe, Co. E, 13th Reg. R. E. Mustered out.

George F. Bogue, Co. F, 13th Reg. R. E. Mustered out.

John L. Comstock, Co. F, 13th Reg. Discharged.

Albert H. Douglass, Co. F, 13th Reg. Discharged, dia.

Jonathan P. Gay, Jr., Co. F, 13th Reg. Discharged, dia.

Patrick H. Sheaff, Co. H, 14th Reg.; sub. Transferred C. V. H. A.

Simeon A. Armstrong, Musician, Co. K, 14th Reg. Mustered out.

Geo. F. Littlefield, Co. K, 13th Reg. Deserted, recruit.

Charles H. Rogers, Co. E, 21st Reg. Died at Falmouth, Va., Dec. 6, 1862.

Henry T. Phillips, 1st Lieut., Co. F, 21st Reg.; pro. Capt. Resigned.

James A. Carey, Sergt. Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged.

Joseph Comstock, Sergt. Co. F, 21st Reg. Killed Chapin Bluff, Va., Sept. 29, 1864.

Ichabod S. Bogue, Sergt. Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged.

Thomas W. Gay, Corp. Co. F, 21st Reg. Died Falmouth, Va., Dec. 23, 1862.

Henry C. Lanpher, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

J. Gideon Palmer, Corp. Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Alfred Rudd, Musician, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

William H. Palmer, Jr., Musician, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Edward E. Darrow, Wagoner, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Lewis Arnold, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Ezra M. Ayers, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Leonard S. Allen, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Frederick C. Brainard, Co. F, 21st Reg. Died Hampton, Va., May 5, 1863.

Charles F. Chapel, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

William A. Chapel, Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged, dis.

Robert Chapel, Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged, died soon after.

John B. Congdon, Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged, dis.

Nathaniel Dustin, Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged, dis.

Curtis D. Hack, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Frank W. Hack, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Russell Johnson, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Benj. G. Johnson, Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged, dis.

David A. Johnson, Co. F, 21st Reg. Trans. Invalid Corps, mustered out.

Gottlob Lash, Co. F, 21st Reg. Died of wound, Hampton, Va., June 19, 1864.

Andrew Maynard, Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged, dis.

Thomas Maguire, Co. F, 21st Reg. Died Falmouth, Va., Dec. 10, 1862.

Robert Mitchell, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

John Murphy, Co. F, 21st Reg. Wounded, mustered out.

Curtis Phillips, Co. F, 21st Reg. Died Suffolk, Va., March 31, 1863.

Billings H. Payne, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Lucius B. Rathbun, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Albert Rudd, Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged, dis.

Oliver H. Rudd, Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged, dis.

John J. Spencer, Co. F, 21st Reg. Trans. Invalid Corps, mustered out.

Max Sternn, Co. F, 21st Reg. Died Norfolk, Va., Nov. 15, 1863.

Michael Sarsfield, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Stephen Staples, Co. F, 21st Reg. Died Suffolk, Va., April 12, 1863.

John Sullivan, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Elijah B. Tracy, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

Joshua Vergason, Co. F, 21st Reg. Trans. Invalid Corps. Mustered out.

Charles Williams, Co. F, 21st Reg. Discharged, dis.; wounded.

David Wright, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out.

John Wheeler, Co. F, 21st Reg. Mustered out. Wounded.

David O. Comstock, Co. C, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Moses B. Chapel, Co. C, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Elias Johnson, Jr., Co. C, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Henry C. Johnson, Co. C, 24th Reg. Furnished substitute.

Maurice Lappe, Co. C, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

James M. Raymond, Co. C, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

James M. Snowden, Co. C, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Henry A. Smith, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Albert C. Colburn, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Walter Myers, Co. A, 26th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Edward S. Wheeler, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

James H. Chapel, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

John Ackley, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Ira Browning, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Smith Browning, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

John D. Clifford, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

George H. Chappell, Co. A, 24th Reg. Died at Port Hudson, July 5, 1863.

John Chappell, Co. A, 24th Reg. Mustered out.

Joseph Flike, Co. A, 24th Reg. Killed at Port Hudson, June 14, 1863.

Orrin E. Lyon, Co. A, 24th Reg. Killed at Port Hudson, May 27, 1863.

Edwin Miner, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.

Charles Patterson, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. dis. Died November 12, 1875.

- Marvin Palmer, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.  
Benjamin R. Sweet, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.  
Orrin S. Smith, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.  
John C. Smith, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.  
Joseph A. Tillotson, Co. A, 24th Reg. Killed at Port Hudson, May 27, 1863.  
George N. Teft, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.  
John B. Winchester, Co. A, 24th Reg. Killed at Port Hudson, July 6, 1863.  
David L. Winchester, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.  
Ransford P. Willard, Co. A, 24th Reg. Hon. discharged.  
William H. Johnson, Co. H, 10th Reg. Discharged, dis.  
John H. Gillen, Co. E, 11th Reg. Killed at Cold Harbor, Va., June 6, 1864.  
William H. Davis, Co. H, 11th Reg. Discharged, wounded.  
Alden Rudd, Co. H, 11th Reg. Discharged, dis.  
Jeremiah Rogers, Co. H, 11th Reg. Discharged, dis.  
James H. Vergason, Co. H, 11th Reg. Deserted.  
Benjamin F. Pratt, Co. D, 12th Reg. Pro. 2d lieut; mustered out.  
Daniel B. Abel, Co. D, 12th Reg. Mustered out; wounded.  
Richard L. Ames, Co. D, 12th Reg. R. E. Mustered out.  
Filex Conroy, Co. D, 12th Reg. R. E. Mustered out.  
Franklin B. Getchel, Co. D, 12th Reg. R. E. Mustered out.  
Thomas Lynch, Co. D, 12th Reg. Discharged.  
Jonathan Reynolds, Co. D, 12th Reg. Discharged, dis., wounded.  
Augustus P. Gay, Co. G, 12th Reg. Discharged, dis.  
Michael McCoy, Co. K, 12th Reg. Killed at Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864.  
Andrew T. Johnson, quartermaster, 12th Reg. Pro second lieut. Killed on railroad, Nov. 7, 1862.  
Joel Congdon, Co. D, 12th Reg. R. E. Mustered out.  
Thomas W. Dolbeare, Co. D, 12th Reg. Discharged, dis.  
Joseph A. Gardner, Co. D, 12th Reg. R. E. Mustered out.  
Henry G. Jerome, Co. D, 13th Reg. Dropped from roll; never reported.

William Wallace King, Co. D, 13th Reg. R. E. Mustered out.

Joseph F. Mitchell, Co. D, 13th Reg. R. E. Discharged, dis.

James Allen, Co. K, 29th Reg. Mustered out.

Oliver H. P. Lewis, Co. K, 29th Reg. Discharged, dis.

James Dorsey, Co. A, 30th Reg. Killed at Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864.

Alfred Payne, Co. A, 30th Reg. Mustered out.

## CHAPTER X.

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### POST-OFFICES.

In olden time the post was carried by a messenger provided with a spare horse, a horn, and good portmantles. Up to the year 1704, the only post on all this continent was that which went east from New York so far as Boston, and west to Philadelphia.

The mails were conveyed from one town to another by the postman, who traveled over the hills and through the valleys on horseback, and made known his approach once a week to each post village by the blowing of a huge horn, which was always carried ready for use. The postman, when he came along, was sure to tarry at the village inn a sufficient time, not only to distribute whatever papers and letters which he might have to leave there, but also to report such rumors as he might have collected by the way.

In government dispatches, the landlord of the village inn had the first and surest news of the early times, when armed horsemen did the work now performed by railroad and telegraph. Eager for the news, everybody rushed for the latest news to the town inn or village tavern, and there, with a bowl of punch or a mug of flip, listened to the last report left behind by the "post-haste" rider, waiting, perhaps, for a fresh steed to take him to the next post-town. When post-offices and post-roads were first established in America, near the commencement of the eighteenth century, the great route from Boston to New York was through the North Parish of New London, over the "Indian Fields." By act of Parliament in 1710, New London was made the chief post-office in Connecticut. Up to about the year 1782, New London was the regular place of letter delivery for the counties of New London, Windham, and Middlesex. During that year a post-office was established at Norwich.

The first post-office established in the town of Montville was at the village of Uncasville, about the year 1822. Previous to that date, the mail for the inhabitants of this town was either received or posted at New London or Norwich, or left by the postman or stage driver at the tavern kept by the Haughtons, and known as Haughton's Tavern, located about one mile north of the village of Uncasville, first named by Henry A. Richards from the famous chief of the Mohegans. The "Mohegan Turnpike," as it was at first named, leading from New London to Norwich, through Mohegan, was the first turnpike road constructed in the United States. It was built by money raised by lottery in 1806; the net avails were applied to the extension and improvement of the road. The Haughton tavern is supposed to have been erected about 1746, at which time Sampson Haughton bought the farm of Godfrey Milborn of Newport, and settled on it. This house has since been noted as the "half way" station between New London and Norwich. The house is still standing, and has an interesting history. Soon after the Uncasville post-office was established, another was established at Chesterfield, called Montville post-office, but was afterwards changed to Chesterfield, by which name it is now called. The following named persons have held the office of postmaster at this office, viz.: Liva Stewart, Peter Wickwire, Albert B. Teft, James B. Ashcraft, and Orrin H. Whiting.

Postmasters at Uncasville: The first was Henry A. Richards. Robert Comstock held the office several years, then William G. Johnson, W. R. Burnham, J. A. Comstock, Charles F. Geor, William M. Burchard, Frank Fowler, and the present incumbent, William A. Coggsall.

The Montville post-office was established about the year 1854 at Palmertown. The first postmaster was William H. Wheeler, the next in order was Jedediah R. Gay; following was Isaac Turner, Don F. Lathrop, William C. Turner, L. D. Tompkins, Lewis Browning, Nathan S. Comstock, Fred W. Hooper, and Charles A. Chapman, the present incumbent.

The Massapeag post-office was established in 1880. John P. Turner was appointed its first postmaster, and has continued to hold the office to the present time.

Oakdale post-office was established in the village of Oakdale in 1881. William H. Baker was appointed its first postmaster; following him was William Baldwin (4 years), Calvin B. Beebe, Almond Bartlett. The present incumbent is Henry A. Baker.

Mohegan post-office was established in 1889. Edward F. Burlingame was appointed its first postmaster, and held the office until 1894, when the present incumbent was appointed.



## PHYSICIANS.

Dr. Christopher Raymond was a practicing physician in the North Parish as early as about 1752. He was the son of Joshua Raymond, born at New London, North Parish, 17 July, 1729, and died 14 May, 1793, at Montville. He was a man of commanding appearance, possessing a large share of intelligence, having obtained a very liberal education for the times in which he lived. A man of high moral character, and a skillful practitioner in his profession.

Dr. Seth Wyman Holmes followed Dr. Raymond and was a practicing physician in the North Parish from about 1775 to his death, 12 Dec., 1821. He was a shrewd, sagacious man, and of an acute discernment in determining the nature of diseases; skillful in practice and much respected in the community. He received his education in Boston, from which place, it is said, he removed to Montville.

Dr. Jeremiah Rogers was born in Montville 3 Sept., 1752, son of James Rogers. He studied medicine and was a practicing physician in Montville. His residence was at the place now called Pequot Village, and formerly owned the site on which the Pequot Mills now stand. He was contemporary with Dr. Holmes.

Dr. Ephraim Fellowes was born in North Stonington, Conn., 27 January, 1767, son of Ephraim Fellowes. He came to Montville about 1801, and commenced the practice of medicine, and became quite popular as a physician; was considered a successful physician in the treatment of all cases of fevers. At the time of his death he was said to be the

oldest medical practitioner in the county. He died at Montville 18 July, 1851, having been in the practice just one-half a century.

Dr. Joseph Peabody was born in New Lebanon in the state of New York 5 Feb., 1795, son of John Nathaniel Peabody. His mother was Mary Mason. John Nathaniel Peabody, his father, was a descendant of William, who came to Plymouth in 1640, and married the eldest daughter of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, celebrated in Longfellow's poem of the "Courtship of Miles Standish."

Dr. Joseph Peabody came from Lebanon, Conn., where his father then lived, to Montville about 1820. He was then a young man of college education and accomplished qualifications for a physician. He, with his brother, Jeremiah Nathaniel Peabody, resided at the old Raymond place, then owned by Samuel Bradford. Dr. Jeremiah N. was a younger brother, born in Lebanon, Conn., 26 Aug., 1809. He married Elizabeth Lathrop Fitch of Bozrah 6 March, 1839, and had four children. All died without descendants. He died in Detroit, Michigan, 10 Feb., 1872.

Dr. Joseph left Montville about the year 1833, and went to Greeneville, Conn., where he erected a large building for stores and tenements, since called "Peabody's Block." He married Mary White of Canterbury, Conn., and died in Buffalo, N. Y., 18 June, 1853. He had four children. The youngest son, James Terry White, is editor of a paper in Chicago, "The Railway Review."

Dr. Henry C. Beardslee was the successor of Messrs. Peabody, and was a practicing physician at Montville Center for a number of years. He was much respected as a man, and considered a skillful practitioner.

Dr. Jedediah R. Gay was born at North Stonington 30 Nov., 1816, son of Jedediah Gay and Dolly Main. He lo-

cated first at Uncasville, where he married Ursula Bradford 28 January, 1837. He then built a house at Palmertown, where he continued to reside until his death, 16 Oct., 1887.

Dr. Gay possessed natural qualifications for a physician, and was a successful practitioner in medicine. He styled himself an "Eclectic"; was somewhat eccentric in the manner of expressing his opinion, but of a sound judgment and bright in intellect. He was buried by the side of his wife in his own burial-lot, laid out and enclosed by an iron fence on his own land, in a grove of pine trees near the bank, on the south side of Haughton's Cove.

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Bradford, a native resident of Montville, born 2 Jan., 1820, son of William Bradford, a descendant of Governor William Bradford. Dr. Bradford studied medicine with Dr. Gay, and for several years was among the leading physicians of the town. He died at Montville 11 March, 1869.

Dr. John Calvin Bolles was another native resident, born 18 Sept., 1816, son of Calvin Bolles. He commenced the practice of medicine in the early part of 1840, when he bought of Dr. Manwaring the privilege to practice in the town of Montville, Dr. Manwaring having first obtained this privilege of Dr. Gay, who gave a guarantee not to practice within the limits of the town, except on a call of consultation with him or some other physician. Dr. Bolles has always been a very careful practitioner in dispensing medicine, and his advice has been sought by many of his townspeople, particularly by those of the poorer class of the inhabitants. He is still living (in 1896), and is remarkably active for his age.

Dr. Samuel Erskine Maynard was born in Montville in January, 1820, son of Francis Maynard. He studied medicine under Dr. Worthington Hooker of Norwich, and graduated at the Medical School of Yale College in 1847. He

practiced medicine in Montville until 1862, when he removed to Norwich, and there continued his practice, both in Norwich and in Montville until his health failed, and for several years before his death was an invalid. He died 12 July, 1882.

While a resident of Montville he was a man of considerable influence in the community, greatly respected and honored. He was government agent of the reservation fund for the Mohegan tribe of Indians, and for several years was their overseer.

Dr. William M. Burchard was born 31 Oct., 1844, at Bozrah, Conn., son of Rev. William M. Burchard, acting pastor of the Montville Center Congregational church from April, 1868, to April, 1891. Dr. Burchard graduated at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., March 6, 1866. He enlisted as a private in Company G, Sixteenth Conn. Regiment, Aug. 14, 1862, and served through the late Civil War. He was discharged March 16, 1865, for the object of re-enlisting in the regular army of the United States. The surrender of General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Army under him to General Ulysses S. Grant, April 12, 1865, terminated the war, and Dr. Burchard gave up all further thoughts about entering the service, and entered at once upon the preparatory steps to the medical profession.

Dr. Burchard came to Montville about September 1, 1869; married Elizabeth Robertson, 28 Dec., 1870, daughter of Carmichael Robertson, paper manufacturer, since which time he has continued in the practice of medicine and surgery in this town, being one of the leading physicians in the county of New London. He has "kept up to the times," an energetic, intelligent, and skillful practitioner. He was in active service here in 1896.

Dr. E. M. Druley came to Montville in 1894, a young man of bright intellect, and his success as a physician appears to be assured.

Dr. M. E. Fox, another young physician, came to Montville about the same time as Dr. Druley. He located at the village of Uncasville, has a good practice, devotes much of his leisure time in reading medical works, and appears eager to keep abreast of the latest scientific developments and discoveries.

## APPENDIX.

### *Chapman.*

William Chapman died 18 Dec., 1699. The name first appears in 1657, when he bought the Denison house-lot on Hempstead street, nearly opposite the jail. No previous record is found of his family. The children named in his last will were John, William, Samuel, Jeremiah, Joseph, Sarah, and Rebecca.

John was probably the eldest son, and removed from New London to Colchester in 1706 with his family, where he was living in May, 1748, when it was noted that he would be 95 years old the next November.

Samuel was the ancestor of the Montville and Waterford families of Chapmans. He settled in the Cohanzie District, where he died in 1758, aged 93 years.

### *Walden.*

William Walden, son of William of Bristol, England, married Ruamis Simons of New London 5 Aug., 1754, daughter of Eli Simons. Their children were Elenor, John, Elizabeth, William, b. 13 Sept., 1762, Robert, Simon, Mary, Amy, Edward, and David.

David married and settled in Salem, and was the ancestor of the Salem Waldens.

William married Elizabeth McFall, daughter of William McFall and Deborah Chapman. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving one year under Captain Larabee. He settled in Montville, Chesterfield Society, and had children, Grace, m. John Taylor; William, b. May, 1796, m. 1st, Lucinda ———; 2d, Amy (Comstock) Congdon. He died 5 Sept., 1859. Eliza married John Winters. Hannah married John Taylor, second wife. Hiram married Rebecca Bird of Stoughton, Mass.

Hiram Walden, b. 13 May, 1804, son of William Walden

and Elizabeth McFall; m. Jan., 1827, Rebecca Bird, b. 31 Jan., 1806. He settled first at Mansfield, Mass. From there he removed to Somerset, Mass., then to Waterford, Conn., and afterwards to Montville, where he was a Methodist minister. He studied for the ministry with the Rev. Abishai Alden in the year 1823, boarding with different families in the society, each giving him from two to three weeks' board to aid him in his education for the ministry, the Rev. Mr. Alden giving his services free. He was a sincere, devoted minister of the gospel, highly respected, and faithful in the service of the Master. He continued to preach in the various churches of the Methodist order, as he had an opportunity, until near the close of his life on earth. He died 19 July, 1871. She died 10 March, 1880.

#### Children.

1. Almira, b. at Marshfield, Mass., 31 July, 1828; m. Traverse Douglass of Waterford.
2. Mary Fletcher, b. at Somerset, Mass., 29 June, 1830; m. George L. Rogers of Montville.
3. Edwin Hiram, b. at Montville, Conn., 4 Aug., 1832; m. Kate ———.
4. Ellen Rebecca, b. at Waterford, Conn., 19 Sept., 1834; m. Elder Edmund Darrow.
5. William Brownell, b. at Montville 19 Jan., 1837; m. Caroline Rogers of Montville. She died 6 March, 1870. He afterwards married ——— Gadbois.
6. Charles Heber, b. at Montville 4 June, 1839; m. Emily H. Morgan.
7. Lucinda, b. at Montville 6 Nov., 1841; died young.
8. Nathan Warren, b. at Montville 12 Nov., 1844; m. 1st, Ella Scott; 2d, Widow Laura Oliver.
9. Albert Henry, b. at Montville 14 March, 1847; died young.
10. John Wesley, b. at Montville 31 May, 1850; m. Adella Manwaring of Niantic.
11. Nelson Bird, b. at Montville 13 March, 1853; died young.

#### Baker.

Captain Elisha Bliss Baker, son of Elisha Baker and Bathsheba Adams, was born at Montville 11 Dec., 1808. He was

a seaman, lived at Brooklyn, N. Y., and belonged to the Corps of New Jersey Pilots. He was one of the most experienced and skillful men in his profession, and had the esteem and respect of the commercial class of the city, to which, from his occupation, he was best known. In his private life and domestic relations, he was a man above reproach.

The flags of the pilot boats in the harbor and on some of the public buildings of Brooklyn were displayed at half-mast in respect to his memory. He died March 8, 1856.

Graves Hosmer was an inhabitant of Montville in 1778, and lived in a house, at that time standing on the land of Judge William Hillhouse, near the Essex turnpike. He was a brother of Delia Hosmer, who married Judge Hillhouse for his second wife.

*Gardner-Gustin.*

David Gardner, b. 28 Jan., 1720, son of Stephen Gardner and Amy Sherman; m. Jemima Gustin, b. at Stonington, Conn., Oct., 1720, daughter of John Gustin, Jr., and Mary ———. Jemima had an Uncle Thomas, who settled at Colchester, Conn., and married, 7 June, 1722, Sarah Holmes.

John Gustin, Sr., of Portland, Maine, was born at Le Tocy, St. Owen's Parish, Isle of Jersey, 9 Jan., 1647, son of Edmond Jean, who married, 25 April, 1638, Esther, daughter of Jean Le Rosignol of St. Owens. He is called in Willise's History of Portland, Maine, Augustine Jean, and who afterwards appeared under the name of Jean or John Gustin. He had six children. John Gustin, Jr., settled in Stonington, Conn., about 1713; from there he removed to Hebron, then to Glastonbury. About 1745 he removed to Sussex County, New Jersey, where he died 15 Oct., 1777. He was born 5 Nov., 1691. His wife Mary died 3 Dec., 1762. "The tombstones of these ancestors are to be seen as fresh to-day as though cut yesterday," says one of their descendants, "in their private grave-yard, now on the farm of Israel McDonald, near Branchville, New Jersey."

John, Jean, or Augustine, died 3 July, 1719. His will



is recorded in Portland, Maine. He describes himself as a "Mariner" in a deed given to Rev. John Brock, of Reading, 26 June, 1677. He was a captain in the Merchant Marine, and afterwards became a sergeant in the company of Captain Beers in King Philip's War.

*Willoughby.*

Joseph Willoughby, about 1721 or 1722, purchased a farm in the North Parish, near the Norwich line, in what is now called "Leffingwell Society," lying on the north side of the Essex turnpike. The farm is now a part of that of George O. Gadbois. (Mr. Gadbois' farm contains upward of four hundred acres of land, in good condition, on which is kept a fine stock of cattle and horses. Mr. Gadbois is a thrifty and successful farmer.)

Joseph Willoughby was married to Thankful Bliss 6 April, 1719, daughter of Samuel Bliss and Ann Eldorlin. It was his grandson who was the proprietor of the "Willoughby tavern" at Gardner Lake, in the early part of the present century.

*Prince.*

William Prince, a resident of Montville, was the eleventh child of Joseph and Elizabeth (Robinson) Prince, born in Salem, Mass., baptized there 6 Sept., 1717; removed to Pomfret, Conn., where he married Mary Holland, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Holland, and lived there until after 1757. About this time he removed to the North Parish of New London, now Montville. His wife, Mary, united with the church then under the pastorate of the Rev. David Jewett, about 1765. She died here 18 April, 1799, aged 77 years, and was buried in the Old Cemetery, on Raymond Hill. On her gravestone is this inscription: "Mary Williams, whose first husband was William Prince, died April 18, 1799, aged 77 years 4 months."

William Prince died here 21 Feb., 1773, in the 56th year of his age, and was buried in the old Church Cemetery. After his death, his widow, Mary, married for her second husband

the Rev. David Jewett, whose wife Patience had died 14 Nov., 1773. There is no record of the marriage of the Rev. David Jewett to his second wife. In a little more than a year after the death of the Rev. David Jewett, his widow, Mary (Holland) (Prince) Jewett, married William Williams, 17 March, 1785. She died as above stated, and was buried by the side of her first husband.

The children of William and Mary (Holland) Prince were 1st, Joseph, b. 25 April, 1748; 2d, Eunice, b. 3 Jan., 1750; 3d, William, b. 6 March, 1753; 4th, Lucy, b. 21 Oct., 1755; 5th, Elizabeth, b. in Montville 12 March, 1760, and married Joshua Raymond for his second wife.

William Prince was a grandson of Robert Prince and Sarah ——— of Danvers, Mass. He was a large land-holder in Montville, and at one time owned the farm on which Captain Jerome W. Williams now lives (1896). He became greatly entangled by debt, and was obliged to make an assignment of his property, which left him much impoverished at his death. Elizabeth Holland, the mother of Mary, died at Montville 23 Aug., 1762, aged 64 years. Joseph, the father, died 18 Nov., 1762, in the 68th year of his age. Both were members of the Jewett church.

#### *Church.*

Since the Church families' record has been in type, facts have come into the possession of the writer, through the courtesy of Mrs. Mary F. W. Church, wife of Frederick Fargo Church, Esq., a lawyer of Rochester, N. Y., that scatter much of the mist that has hitherto surrounded the more remote ancestry of this branch of the Church families. It now appears to be clearly established that Richard Church of Westfield, Mass., born in 1664, and married 3 March, 1692, Elizabeth Nobles, b. 9 Feb., 1673, daughter of Thomas Nobles of Boston, was the father of Jonathan Church, who married Abigail Fairbanks of North Parish, 24 Feb., 1724.

This Richard Church and his wife Elizabeth are found among the early settlers in Colchester, where he died 1 April,

1780, in the 67th year of his age. His wife afterwards married Deacon Samuel Loomis, and died 10 Aug., 1741, aged 78 years 6 months 1 day. The children of Richard Church, as found recorded at Westfield, Mass., were 1st, Hannah, b. 5 Oct., 1692; 2d, John, b. 12 Jan., 1693-4; 3d, Rachel, b. 1 March, 1694-5; 4th, James, b. 20 Oct., 1696; 5th, Joseph, b. 7 Dec., 1698; 6th, Jonathan, b. 7 Dec., 1700; 7th, Samuel, b. 28 Nov., 1702; 8th, Elizabeth, b. 20 March, 1705; Jonathan, 6th child of Richard Church and Elizabeth Nobles, b. 7 Dec., 1700; m. 24 Feb., 1724, Abigail Fairbanks. He had a son, Jonathan, b. about 1726, and was twice married. The name of his first wife is unknown, and may have been Amy ———, that being the name of her daughter, b. 1 April, 1754, and m. 2 Aug., 1778, James Comstock. He married for his second wife Mary Angell, b. 7 Oct., 1744, daughter of William Angell and Almy Harding of Warwick, R. I., 18 Feb., 1762. Their children were 1st, Amter, b. 12 Oct., 1762; 2d, Roswel, b. 23 Aug., 1764; 3d, James, b. 13 Sept., 1766; 4th, Jonathan, b. 6 Aug., 1770; 5th, David, b. 18 April, 1773; 6th, Amos, b. 6 Oct., 1775; 7th, Joshua, b. 22 June, 1779; 8th, William, twin to Joshua; 9th, Lydia, b. 6 Oct., 1782; 10th, Abel, b. 4th Oct., 1786; 11th, Addelisa, b. 27 Dec., 1794; 12th, Lemuel, b. 3 June, 1797.

Joshua, the 7th child of Jonathan Church and Mary Angell, m. 12 Feb., 1807, Delia Cushman. She died 7 Aug., 1821, leaving one daughter. He then married, 17 Oct., 1822, Celina Mallory. He died at Utica, N. Y., 27 Jan., 1861. She died there 25 Dec., 1880, leaving four sons and one daughter. William, twin to Joshua, married and settled in Meadville, Penn. He had one son, Gaylord, who was a judge, and member of Congress.

#### *Whiting-Noyes.*

The Whitings were an old family, of Old Boston, England. A William Whiting, or Whytynge, is on the subsidiary rolls of Edward 3d, 1333, as an inhabitant of Boston at that time. There were three brothers of the name who came to New Eng-

land in 1630. Two of them were clergymen. One settled at Lynn, Mass., the other at Billerica. The third brother, William Whiting, born at Deptford, Kent County, England, was one of the most respectable of the early settlers of Hartford, and settled there in 1636. He was one of the assistants of the governor, a magistrate in 1643, and was elected treasurer of the colony, and continued in that office until his death, in July, 1647. He was a major. His wife's name was Susannah, and they had six children, viz.: William, John, Samuel, Mary, Sarah, and Joseph.

John Whiting, born about 1635, married Sybil Collins, and died at Hartford, 8 Sept., 1689. He was a graduate of Harvard in 1653, a clergyman at Salem, Mass., moved to Hartford in 1660, was twice married, and had seven children by each wife. His third child was Sybil Collins. William, his son, b. 1659, married 6 Oct., 1686, Mary Allyn, daughter of John Allyn. He was a prominent man, and represented Hartford in the General Court eleven sessions; was Speaker in 1714. He distinguished himself in the Indian wars, and was major in 1705. Commissioned by Queen Ann, April 1, 1710; colonel of a regiment of foot, raised in the Colony of Connecticut July 5, 1692; served in the field in command of the Connecticut troops in the expedition against Canada in 1711. He had three children, Mary, Charles, and William. Charles, b. 5 July, 1692; m. 10 Jan., 1716-17, Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Bradford of Duxbury, Mass., great-granddaughter of Governor Bradford. Her mother was Hannah Rogers, daughter of John Rogers and Elizabeth (Peabody) Holt. Elizabeth Peabody was the granddaughter of John Alden and Priscilla Mullens. He was a lieutenant, so called, and died at Montville, 7 March, 1738. His widow afterwards married Deacon John Noyes of Stonington. She died 10 May, 1777. They had nine children. The third child, Sybil, b. July, 1722, m. William Noyes, b. 2 March, 1716. She died 27 April, 1790. He died at Canaan, Conn., Nov., 1809, where both are buried.

*Nelson-Rogers.*

Joseph Nelson was born 20 Nov., 1790, son of Thomas Nelson and Sarah Martin, and was married 30 April, 1816, to Nancy Rogers, b. 8 Aug., 1794, daughter of Isaiah Rogers and Mabel Otis, daughter of Nathaniel, of Montville.

Thomas Nelson, the father of Joseph, was born in England, and removed to County Armaugh, Parish of Kilmore, Town of Corniscribe, Ireland, where he married Sarah Marten, from Scotland. He came to America in April, 1801. He was a linen-bleacher, and was a Mason of considerable prominence. He had children, Joseph, Elizabeth, Sarah, Thomas, William, John, and Mary.

Joseph, the eldest son of Thomas Nelson, had children, 1st, Isaiah Rogers, b. 4 March, 1817; m. Alice Doughty; 2d, Thomas Emmet, b. 15 March, 1819; m. Mary Murtaugh; 3d, Mabel Ann, b. 17 Jan., 1821; died 30 March, 1839, unm.; 4th, Frances Harriet, b. 4 April, 1823; m. Henry B. Marsh, 22 Sept., 1843. He was a jeweler, lived in Brunswick, N. J., where he died in December, 1892, aged 83 years. Their children were 1st, Henry Nelson, b. 8 June, 1844; 2d, Edward Beebe, b. 1 Nov., 1845; died 11 Oct., 1850; 3d, Mary Frances, b. 30 Nov., 1847; m. Joseph Fisher, and died 17 March, 1877; 4th, Edgar Jerome, b. 20 July, 1850; 5th, Eugene LeGrand, b. 2 Feb., 1860; 6th, Charles Arthur, b. 10 Oct., 1863; m. Nettie Blue; 7th, Leo, b. 24 Nov., 1866; died 23 Feb., 1867.

Isaiah Rogers was born in Montville, in that part of the town which was set off to Salem. It is not certainly known who his parents were. He married about 1793 Mabel Otis, and soon after moved to Lansingburg, where he was a landholder. He, with his brother-in-law, Mr. Powers, bought large tracts of land in the West. He died at Lansingburg about 1794, leaving only one child, Nancy. His widow then married about 1795 Francis Carpenter, and had children, Francis, born about 1796, and Hester, born about 1800; m. John Hart, and had three children, James, Mary, and Charles.

*Williams.*

Dudley B. Williams, a carpenter and machinist, lived at Uncasville, son of Captain Allyn Williams of Ledyard, and Susanna Ormsby. He married 1st, Fanny B. Lester, daughter of Daniel Lester, and had five children. After her death, he married Lucy W. (Brown) Church. He died 19 June, 1866, age 67 years. She was living with her daughter, Harriet A. Avery in 1896, being 99 years old, having been a widow 30 years.

## FRENCH SPOILIATION CLAIMS.

The following is a copy of the petition of the Hon. R. N. Parish, administrator of the personal property of Joshua Raymond and Christopher Raymond, deceased, for French Spoliation committee prior to July 31, 1801, to the United States Court of Claims:

“That, on the 10th day of November, 1886, this petitioner of the town of Montville, State of Connecticut, was duly appointed Administrator of the Goods, Chattel, and effects of Joshua Raymond and Christopher Raymond, deceased, by the Court having jurisdiction thereof, and on the same day letters of Administration were duly issued to him by the said Court. That in the year A.D. 1795 and at all the times hereinafter mentioned the said Joshua Raymond and Christopher Raymond were citizens of the U. S. and residents of the State of Connecticut.

“That at the times hereinafter mentioned the said Joshua and Christopher Raymond were sole owners of a certain American schooner called the Good Intent, registered in the port of New London, State of Conn., and the Stock on board as mentioned herein.

“That on or about the 14th day of January 1800 the said Schooner sailed under the flag of the U. S. from the said port of New London bound for the Island of Martinique. That on the 28th day of February 1800 the said schooner “Good

Intent" being in the Latitude of about 15 degrees North, Longitude 59 degrees West, and while fully pursuing said voyage, was illegally seized, captured, and taken possession of by a French Privateer called L'Unique, Commanded by Captain Journard, together with said stock on board and by said Privateer taken into the Island of Guadeloupe where said vessel and stock were condemned as prize. That by reason of said illegal capture and seizure and condemnation the said Schooner her tackle, furniture and stock became a total loss to the said owners thereof. No part of the same ever being received by said Joshua and Christopher Raymond.

"That the value of said schooner, Good Intent, at the time of capture was Five thousand dollars, and the said stock Two thousand three hundred and thirty dollars, and the freight on the same One thousand dollars.

"That said stock was owned as follows: Christopher Raymond, \$1000.00, Joshua Raymond \$1330.00. That said Christopher Raymond paid as a premium for Insurance on said Stock and freight, and said Vessel the sum of \$500.00. That said claim was not embraced in the Convention between the U. S. and the French Republic, concluded April 30, 1803, nor has it, or any part thereof been allowed, or paid under any treaty with Spain, concluded the 22d day of February 1819 nor with France, concluded July 4th 1831.

"That neither the whole or any part of said claim has ever been sold, assigned, transferred or set over to any one, or any interest therein been assigned or transferred, or any part thereof been paid, except the sum of \$965.00 paid the said Christopher Raymond for said insurance effected by him on said vessel, and the sum of \$777.41 paid to said Christopher Raymond for said stock owned by him."

Joshua Raymond was also the sole owner of another schooner called "Polly," which was also captured and condemned by an armed French privateer in December, 1799, while on a voyage from New London to Tortola, with a cargo of stock on board of the value of \$3,000, the value of the schooner being

\$4,000. This claim also has been presented to the United States Court of Claims for adjudication and allowance.

It is not known whether either of these claims, or any part of the same, have been secured or not.

A very large tract of land, containing more than one thousand acres, lying partly in Montville and partly in Lyme, now a part of the town of Salem, and owned by William Brown, was confiscated to the State of Connecticut about 1776.

This property was afterwards sold by John Lawrence, treasurer of the State of Connecticut, to Nathan Allyn, 2d, of Groton, 20 March, 1783, by order of the General Assembly.

Mr. Israel F. Brown of New London, president of the Brown Cotton Gin Co., was born near the Salem town line 31 Dec., 1810, son of William Brown, born at Gales Ferry about 1771, and died at Macon, Georgia, 3 March, 1829. His mother was Sarah Gager Edgerton of Norwich, Conn., born 1773, and married 27 Sept., 1795. Mr. Israel F. Brown, on the day he was fifteen years old started for Georgia, where his parents had already located. He was the inventor of the cotton gin, now so largely manufactured at New London.

The Norwich and Essex Turnpike was built in 1828. It passes through the north part of Montville, entering the town of Salem near the old Willoughby tavern, which formerly stood near Gardner Lake. The site is now owned by ——— Phillips, on which he has lately erected a new hotel.

Joshua Raymond leased to Jeremiah Comstock and Guy Turner, in 1807, for a term of ten years, the house and lot, opposite the Congregational Church, at the center, afterwards owned by Nathaniel Parish, in which he kept a grocery store. The old building was in 1884 taken down, and a new chapel was erected on the site the same year.

Elijah Bemis leased to Palmer Cook in 1811 the saw-mill, fulling-mill, and cloth works, with carding machine, that formerly stood on the site of B. F. Scholfield's present woolen-mill. The dwelling-house that was at this time connected with this



mill was afterwards owned by James Scholfield. After Mr. Scholfield's death in 1882, the old house was taken down, and a larger, commodious, mansion house erected near the old site.

The greatest freshet that there is any record of occurring in this town, swept through the entire town on the afternoon of the 25th day of August, 1877, carrying away dams and bridges, wrecking mills, washing out the highways, and causing great destruction to crops.

A great snow storm occurred throughout New England and New York on the 12th day of March, 1888. It was the most severe ever known by the oldest inhabitants. Roads were impassable for several days, business was greatly hindered, railroads blocked, and much suffering was the result. It has since been called "the great blizzard of 1888."

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